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WMass Development Corp. Announcement Due On Bowles Monday Night

The Advertiser/News today learned that the Western Mass. Area Development Corporation, the group responsible for developing the West Springfield and East Longmeadow industrial parks, will address town officials Monday evening at Chez Josef with a proposal for the 320-acre Bowles Airport property.

Donald Binns, an official of WMADC, is slated to make a presentation to a gathering which will include town councilors, Town Manager Edward A. Caba, members of municipal boards, and members of the Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission. The Agawam Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the meeting, invited the various town officials to attend. The WMADC is an offshoot of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and has worked closely with the Agawam Chamber during their seven-month feasibility study of the Bowles property.

The Chamber-sponsored meeting is restricted to those receiving invitations from Chamber President Raymond F. Pieczarka.

The Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission, chaired by Richard Bellico, was originally charged with studying the Bowles property for an industrial park but requested the participation of WMADC earlier this year. The AEDIC received Town Council approval to involve the well-known Springfield-based group.

The Advertiser/News has learned that the WMADC will propose development of the park and will invest millions into it, providing the town can supply funding for essential municipal services such as sewers and road improvement into the park.

The announcement by the WMADC will culminate a feasibility study that consumed most of 1981. The study conducted by the WMADC was at no cost to the community.

The property is owned by the Republican Company, owners of the Springfield newspapers. The Republican Company offered the parcel to the community in 1980 for \$1.2 million, but several snags in Agawam's purchasing the land led to the WMADC being invited into the community to study the parcel.

Town Manager Edward A. Caba today confirmed that members of Town Council, newly-elected councilors, and members of the Planning, Health, and Conservation Commissions are invited to the meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Caba would not comment on the contents of the presentation by WMADC, but did say it will be an announcement of major significance to the community.

Town Council President Paul Fieldstad, when contacted for comment, said he awaits Monday's meeting with "great anticipation" and may call for a special meeting of Town Council next week to discuss the WMADC proposal.

Fieldstad said if the special council meeting occurs, he will ask to suspend the rules so that the 7 councilors-elect can participate in the dialogue.

The effort to establish an industrial park on the Bowles Airport property began when Kidder Stacy Inc., a large Main Street firm and maker of printing presses, threatened to leave the community unless the town could meet their expansion needs.

Several attempts to facilitate Kidder Stacy at Bowles failed and the firm announced its intention to leave Agawam for neighboring Westfield.

The Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission, convinced that the Bowles property was a viable area for industrial growth here, sought help from the WMADC, a private group with a proven track record in other industrial parks in neighboring communities.

Principal Nods Go To Rovelli; Kimball

By Joanne Brown

Further restructuring within the Agawam School System resulted last Tuesday night when the School Committee transferred Smith Rovelli from his current position as principal at Peirce School to the vacant slot at Clark. Former Danahy School principal Barbara Kimball was unanimously appointed to the post at Peirce.

On a 4-2 vote with no discussion at all taking place, the board approved the 47-year-old Rovelli to the 370-pupil Clark School's top post recently opened up by the promotion of Thomas O'Keefe to the Junior High School principalship. Dissenting votes came from Mrs. Rosemary Sandlin and Mrs. Jessie Fuller.

Richard Borgatti, Rovelli's brother-in-law, originally abstained, but later changed his vote to favor the transfer. Chairman Walter Balboni was absent.

Rovelli has 21 years in the Agawam School System, seven of them as principal at Peirce. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from American International College and has accumulated several credits beyond that point.

"I'm really looking forward to the move," Rovelli said, "but I'm going to miss Peirce very much. There's a very special group of staff members and students there that I'll always remember, but I'm ready to move on to a larger school."

In recommending Barbara Kimball for the post at Peirce, which is slated to close in 1983, Superintendent of Schools James Bruno Jr. emphasized her qualifications in administration.

"Mrs. Kimball did a fine job for us for five years at Danahy and handled the closing of that school in an outstanding manner. I'm very happy we now have another administrative opening we can offer her," Bruno declared.

In remarks made during an open interviewing session, Mrs. Kimball noted that teacher enthusiasm is difficult to maintain, especially as the time to close a school approaches. She detailed several methods she has used in the past that proved effective and indicated she would like to continue them as well as try others.

In closing her remarks, she smiled as said she thought she'd be a good choice for the job because she is the town's "only principal who has experience in closing a school."



SMITH ROVELLI WAS APPOINTED as new Clark School Principal by the School Committee Tuesday night. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

The other applicant interviewed for the position was Fred Montesi, fifth grade teacher at Granger School who has served as acting principal on occasion.

Mrs. Kimball earned a bachelor's degree from Keene State College and a master's in reading at Westfield State. She has accumulated several credits beyond that point with concentration on language arts.

The one point she emphasizes over and over when asked about how she will go about closing Peirce School is that it is most important for teachers to be told what will be their fate as soon as they possibly can. She said not knowing where they would go is the one aspect of the Danahy closing that affected teachers the most.

Caba Seeks Residents For Town Boards

If you are an Agawam citizen interested in serving your town, please consider the possibility of assuming a term of office on one of the town's various boards, committees or commission, today said Town Manager Edward A. Caba.

Caba's office is presently accepting applications for current vacancies on boards and commissions as well as building up its "Talent Bank" to draw upon for future vacancies as existing terms expire and members resign.

There are a variety of boards and commissions involved in such matters as public health, wetland preservation, zoning, industrial finances, town beautification and more for residents interested in serving the community.

If you are interested in any of the above areas or any of the boards or committees that explicitly address the quality of life of Agawam and its citizens, please submit your application and become a member of Agawam's "Talent Bank" and possibly a member of a board or commission in the near future.

Talent Bank applications may conveniently be obtained from the Town Manager's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Or, if you prefer, your application may be mailed directly to your home.

**To Our Readers
The ADVERTISER/NEWS
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**News Deadline: Fri. Dec. 18th
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**During Christmas Week
We WILL NOT PUBLISH
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Roberts Supports Town Planner

Editor's Note: In continuing our series of interviews with new members of Town Council, councilor at-large Dennis Roberts offers some comments on industrial development and developing a tax base for Agawam.

By Stuart Parker

Councilor-elect Dennis Roberts said he will work to develop the community within the existing zoning by-laws in the upcoming 1982-84 council session.

Roberts, who won the Precinct 6 council seat as top vote-getter in 1978, was elected to an at-large seat this past November 3 after a two-year absence from town government to finish his master's degree in Public Administration.

Roberts placed second in the race with 4007 votes, slightly behind newcomer Peter Mazza with 4045 votes and ahead of incumbent Stephen R. Cincotta with 3776 votes.

"The town needs industrial development. This should be in the forefront of council business for the next two years," said Roberts, the youngest member of Town Council at 25.

He said he will work to develop the industrial park and Bowles Airport as a means of "catching up" with neighboring communities who have been grabbing industry in recent years.

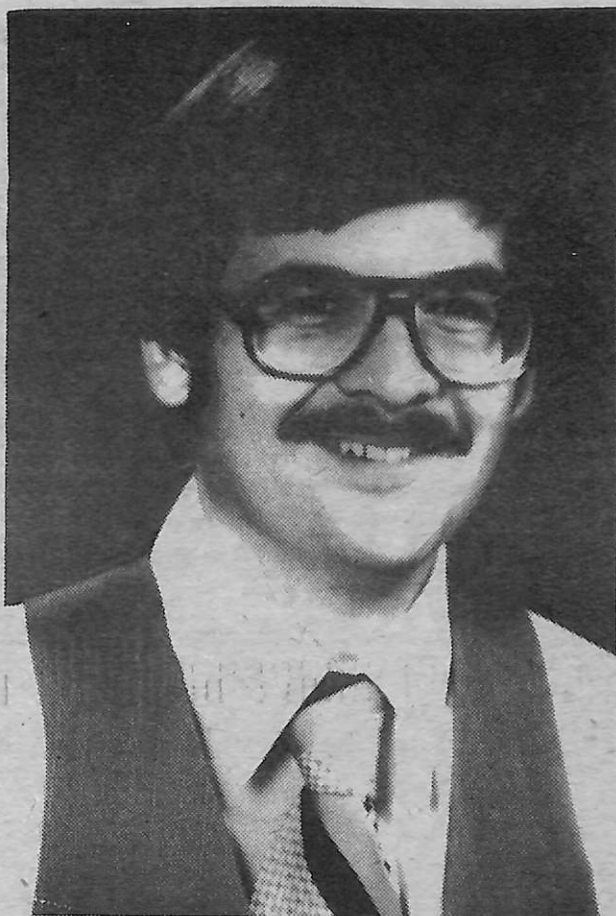
"With the great influx of residential building in Agawam, it is necessary to balance it with industrial development to maintain a stable tax base for residents," Roberts observed.

"Rather than promote development through zoning we must catch up," the councilor-elect said. "If we don't, and interest rates drop and building booms, then the town's already over-burdened system would be still further taxed and the residents would lack good services."

He added, "We, as a community, have over-stretched our resources by developing areas that have been so wide spread."

Roberts said Agawam's growth had been expensive because it lacked planning, and said he would favor hiring a town planner. "This is a small investment compared to what poor planning costs."

He said, "Even though federal funds have been cut, the town needs an expert grants writer." Roberts says the town has missed out on several available federal grants in the past because of this and he said that financing local development has been hindered.



AT-LARGE COUNCILOR DENNIS ROBERTS

Roberts, an account executive recruiter for Positions Inc. of West Springfield, said he has an "excellent grasp of municipal budgets" and would work diligently to prevent municipal waste.

"Waste is usually a result of poor management," Roberts said. He said it is difficult to identify waste on the municipal level because most of the money is used for services and salaries. Roberts does not favor cutting services but does favor "taking a hard look at the budget and cutting off the fat that exists."

Roberts was known during his first term as a councilor to be a straight shooter but was looked upon as being young and inexperienced (he entered the political scene here at the age of 19 in his first attempt in Precinct 6 and won the next time at age 21) but he has obviously matured in the past few years.

He has a business-like approach to municipal government and ran his recent campaign in that manner. Roberts is a former member of the Board of Appeals.

Agawam Chamber Honors President of Buxton

At its annual bi-monthly breakfast meeting at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce honored Buxton Inc. President, C. William Crane.

As head of the Main Street firm which produces fine leather goods, Mr. Crane employs some 1,200 people making Buxton the town's largest employer.

Mr. Crane spoke briefly to the gathering of 100 and thanked the Chamber for selecting Buxton Inc. as the first firm in the community to be honored. According to Chamber Vice-President, Chester Nicora of Suburban Real Estate, one business will be honored at each of the Chamber's breakfast meetings.

Introducing Mr. Crane to the Chamber membership was Robert Crowley, program committee member and an employee of Buxton Inc.

Providing music for the breakfast was Rick Mitnik of Briere Piano and Organ, a Main Street firm.

Also in attendance and addressing the Chamber membership was Town Manager Edward A. Caba. Caba praised the Chamber for its good work in the community since forming last year.

Caba assured those in attendance that his administration would work closely with the Chamber to ensure that a line of communication and cooperation exists between town government and the town's Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting, presided over by Mr. Nicora, also saw the induction of several new businesses into the Chamber membership, including ACORN PRINTING (Ed Baton), MICKEY'S PLUMBING AND HEATING (Mike Corriveau), KITCHENS BY HERTZENBERG (PAUL HERTZENBERG) and CROSSROADS FURNITURE STORE (David Paradysz).

**Congratulations To
C. William Crane Of
Buxton Inc.**

We Wish You Continued Success

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16 OZ. CAN

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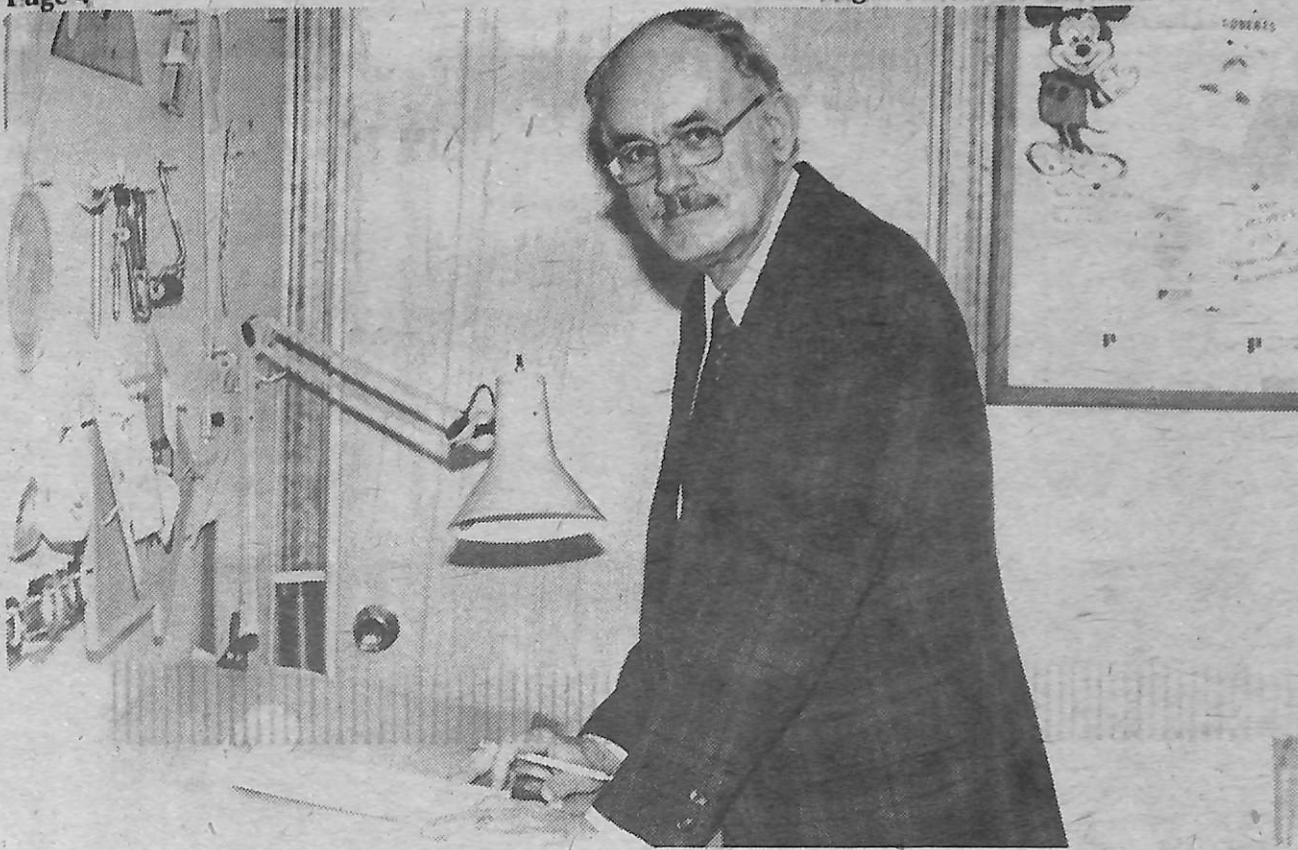
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Married with a grown family, Jim hails from Holyoke where he has been very active in community affairs. He has served as corporator of the Vanguard Savings Bank, member of the Holyoke Rotary Club, director of the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and president of the Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association.

When not diligently working to create innovative and eye-catching advertising campaigns, Jim enjoys watercolor painting, landscape photography and reading.

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Shawmut First Bank

SOCIAL



REV. CALVIN G. WITHAM

Bible Church Names New Pastor

Rev. Calvin G. Witham assumed the duties of pastor of the Feeding Hills Bible Church, Feeding Hills, on December 1st and preached his first sermon last Sunday.

Rev. Witham is a native of New Hampshire, where he has served as pastor of churches in Nottingham, Barnstead and New Durham. He also served in Somerville for more than three years.

While in Somerville, Rev. Witham was president of the Ministerial Association and served on the board of directors of Family Services of Greater Boston. He is the founder of the Calvary Baptist Church in Hanson and was pastor there for eight years.

Rev. Witham attended Providence Bible Institute, now Barrington College. Prior to entering the ministry, he was a professional entertainer. He and his wife Bonnie have recorded three long-playing gospel albums and are working on the fourth.

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Tuesday, December 15th
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Monday, December 21
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VFW Holds Xmas Dinner For WWI Vets



THE AGAWAM VFW POST on South Street last Sunday held a Christmas Party honoring World War I veterans. Attending the affair were, back row (left to right): Past District Commander Adolph Netkovick; Agawam Post Commander James Allen, Service Officer John J. McCarthy. Seated: President of Women's Auxiliary Anna Hayes; Mrs. Eva Kerr, Helen McCarthy and Madeline Negrucci. It was the Post's 10th annual dinner for World War I vets. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Hi-Lighters Plan Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will meet on Friday, December 11th, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills at 8 p.m. Bob Turnbull will be the caller, and Lyn Beatty will cue the rounds.

Reservations are now being taken for the New Year's Eve Party. Call M. Keiter at 586-0340 for information.

PWP Hosts Record Hop

Parents Without Partners Chapter 990 will hold a record hop on Saturday, December 12th, at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street (Route 57) Feeding Hills from 9 to 12:30. Members of other PWP chapters are welcome to attend.



Happy 40th
Birthday
Sheila J.

Community Grange Slates Meeting

Community Grange will meet on Tuesday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street. This will be an open meeting with the Junior Grange to be our guests for our Christmas Party.

The Grange program will be a magic show by Mr. Raymond Moreau of Feeding Hills.

A social hour will follow under the direction of Florence Blish, assisted by Caroline Almquist, Alice Smith and Marion White.

Weatherization Workshops Scheduled

Free weatherization kits for fuel assistance clients are being distributed rapidly throughout Hampden County. To obtain a kit, one must be verified for fuel assistance and attend a WARM (Weatherization Assistance and Resource Management) workshop.

Workshops are scheduled for every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Westfield library with a special evening workshop set for December 14th at 6:30.

A workshop will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, December 17th, at 7 p.m.

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Congratulations going out to MR. & MRS. JOSEPH D. VALENTI of Cooper Street. They have just welcomed their first child into the world. JOSEPH PASQUALE VALENTI joined them on November 30th. He weighed in a 8 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are MR. AND MRS. PASQUALE VALENTI, also of Cooper Street, and MR. AND MRS. MAURICE DESMARAIIS of Franklin Street Extension, Agawam. Certainly a lovely season for a lovely new baby.

There are many things going on at Heritage Hall Nursing Home during the month of December and it would be nice to share some of your Christmas spirit of giving by giving some of your time. On December 11th in the West building there is a welcoming tea at 2:00 p.m. followed at 3 p.m. by a tree trimming party.

On the 14th of December the West building will feature bell ringers. If you've heard them you know how lovely they are, if not, then be sure and not miss this treat. This function is at 6:00 p.m. Also on the 14th, in the North building at 1:45 - 3:30 p.m. there is the December birthday party. And on December 16th, residents from the North Building will be going to Showcase Cinema for movie.

Your help is always appreciated. Sometimes it is something as simple as being there for a resident to talk to. So try and find a little time in your own busy Christmas schedule to help someone else find a joy in the Yule Tide season.

For those of you children who want to visit Santa and are dreading those long lines in the mall, here is the perfect answer: THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND COLOR GUARD will be having a "lunch with Santa" at the high school cafeteria on Saturday, December 12th from noon to 2:00 p.m. The kids are putting on this fund raiser for a trip to Washington D.C. at the invitation of PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN. For \$2.50, your child can have lunch with Santa, receive a present and be entertained by a clown, elves and other surprises. Menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, etc. Parents are also welcome to stay and buy a hot dog or hamburger. It will certainly be a fun event for the youngsters and you will be helping a worthy cause at the same time. Tickets are also available at the door.

We wish to extend our congratulations to the TOUCHETTE FAMILY for their beautiful renovations and remodeling at the popular family restaurant, JEFF ALLEN DELICACIES located in O'Briens Corner. The family business was begun by MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TOUCHETTE of Columbus Street in Agawam. Bob has owned and operated TOUCHETTE'S CATERING for many years and helped his daughters LINDA AND DEBBIE in running the business, although Bob is quick to point out that his daughters are the "owners and the ones in charge."

By the way, JEFF ALLEN has a new menu coming out for the holiday season and we suggest you stop by and try it out. The restaurant is well-known for its quality food and now you can enjoy your meal in a cozy atmosphere. Congratulations to the Touchette family.

Your are welcome to submit items of social interest or some funny-tid bits about your Friends and Neighbors by calling Rita White at 786-4970 or by leaving a message for her at the newspaper (786-7747).



IRENE SCANLON, owner and operator of Irene's Closet in Feeding Hills, (soon to be located at Walnut Street Extension), was at Stage West last week to commentate a fashion show following the performance of Talley's Folly. Irene is well-known as a costume designer for area theater groups. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Local Merchandiser Presents Fashions At StageWest

A Vintage Fashion Show was presented by Stage West directly following the December 2nd matinee of Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer-Prize winning comedy/drama "Talley's Folly."

Fashions were supplied by Irene Scanlon, owner of Irene's Closet in Agawam. Before opening Irene's Closet, Ms. Scanlon was a costume designer for various community theatre groups. She has also won awards for her acting ability in Community Theatre Association competitions.

Ms. Scanlon was on hand to emcee the fashion show and to answer questions. Models were provided by Stage West and Irene's Closet. Refreshments were available in the lobby.

There was no extra charge for this fashion extra.

Call Us With Your Social News

Secretaries Plan Christmas Party

Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries Association (International) will hold its annual Christmas Party for members and their guests on Wednesday, December 16th, at the Sheraton West, West Springfield.

A social hor is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet to follow at 6:30. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Greg Bowe, magician from Magic World in Worcester, assisted by Sue "Sookie" Hanson, a clown from Charlton.

Arrangements are being handled by chairperson Mary Ann Shynovek.

Anyone interested in information regarding the Professional Secretaries Association of Springfield may contact membership chairperson Mrs. Lori Manusco, 1440 Wilbraham Road, Springfield.

Local Woman Named Insurance Vice President

Gwendolyn Stephenson of Agawam has been named a second vice-president in the Agency Division of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and designated a senior officer of the company.

Ms. Stephenson graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a BA degree in mathematics. She joined Mass. Mutual in 1955 and has served on the company's Clerical Job Evaluation Committee and New Product Coordinating Committee.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS, from left, Mickey Morin, Lil Doyle and Penny Meunier were on hand last weekend for the club's annual church Bazaar held at the St. John's Parish Center. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Catholic Women Hold Annual Bazaar

St. John's annual Christmas bazaar was held on December 5th, and Mrs. Albert Taupier, president of the Catholic Women's Club, and Mrs. Joseph Oleksek, president of St. John's Guild, would like to thank the many talented women who worked on the bazaar, especially Mrs. James Doyle who served as chairperson.

Chairing the various booths were Mrs. James Moran and Mrs. Dominick Maiolo, attic treasures; Mrs. Paul Owens and Mrs. William Beaudry, candy; Mrs. John Morin, Mrs. Francis Capitanio, and Mrs. Oliver Dion, Christmas booth; Mrs. Dorothy Frenette, food basket; Mrs. Philip DeForge, new jewelry; Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, Mrs. David Gallano, kitchen kapers-bake sale; Mrs. Richard Gingras and Mrs. Thomas McGovern, knitting; Mrs. James Doyle, needle and thread; and Mrs. Richard Conway, toy booth.

The Guild Booth was chaired by Mrs. Ronald Meunier and featured many attractive handcrafted gifts and decorations. Mrs. David Wanat and her able committee ran the snack bar.

A free wrapping service for youngsters was manned by Mrs. Stanley Ciempa and Mrs. Arthur Fortier. Mrs. Rene Hamel and Mrs. Patrick Vassallo were in charge of raffle tickets.

Fr. Karl Huller drew the lucky winners' names, and the following prizes were awarded: \$500, Mrs. Nellie Orgonek; \$200, Mrs. Ginny Grenier; \$100, Chester LaBonte; Food baskets, Howard Murphy and Al Demers; Silk flower arrangement, Gloria Gloster; ceramic tree, Mary Grabowski; afghans, Grace Letendre and Mary Coughlan; crochet pillow, Trudy Pitrucci; Holly Hobby pillow, Hazel Joyce; lamp decoration, Gloria Gloster; live wreath, Norma Coutier and candy wreath, Phyl Peifka.

For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well seniors, the proof is on the ground. Winter has officially announced her arrival. While the first snow is always a very pretty sight, it does mean the beginning of shoveling and walking on icy streets, etc. Please remember to take it easy when shoveling your walks. It is sometimes worth the few dollars to hire a youngster to do it for you rather than risk the danger of making yourself ill.

As an extra precaution, two things you might want to keep in mind: Keep a box of salt near your door so that if you start out and find it is slippery on your steps or on the way to the car, you can always sprinkle the salt ahead of you as you walk. Also, it is a good idea to keep a box of salt in your car or even carry a small bag with you so that you can get from your car to wherever it is you are headed.

Another good safety measure is to walk with a cane even if you don't usually need one. You might even have someone put a few small nails in the bottom of the cane so that the points are down and it will help to steady you when you do find icy conditions. Whatever, do be careful and have a safe and healthy winter.

A blood pressure clinic coming up on Tuesday, December 15th for those with initials H through O is a must for seniors. Don't miss this.

Lunches next week are: Monday, lambettes; Tuesday, barbeque chicken legs; Wednesday, beef stew; Thursday, vegetable soup and grilled cheese sandwiches; Friday - Will be a Christmas Party with a special lunch of turkey with all the trimmings. We do understand however, that the Christmas Party is already sold out.

Birthday greetings going out to LUCY ARCHETTI on December 13th and BLANCHE DUCLOS on December 12th. Hope you both have a happy day and many more to come.

There will be a New Year's Eve Bingo Party at the Senior Center on New Year's Eve. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a supper hour that starts at 6:30. This will be followed by an evening of Bingo. Tickets are \$3.00 and must be purchased in advance. Be sure and see EDNA at the Senior Center to get yours. You don't want to miss out on this fun evening.

ATTENTION SENIORS. You are welcome to submit items of interest to Senior Citizens by calling Rita White at 786-4970 or by leaving a message for her at the newspaper by calling 786-7747.

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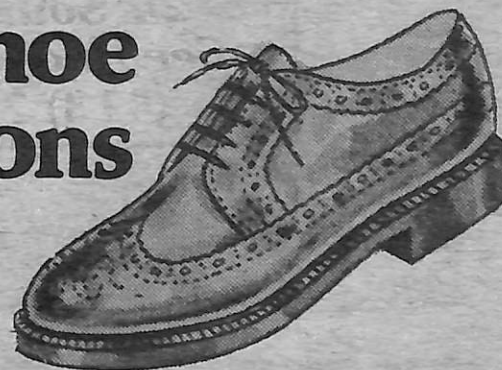
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Some Tips On Purchasing Your Christmas Tree

By Dorine Kubik

For those who love the aroma and atmosphere created in the home at holiday time by a fresh Christmas tree, several locations in town are offering the opportunity to dig or pick your own trees.

Feeding Hills Nursery and Garden Center at 1226 Springfield Street, owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Januelwicz, has Jill Falkowski on duty to help everyone choose the tree that is "Just Right" for each family.

Although some species are more popular than others, all evergreens are customarily used for Christmas trees, and Feeding Hills Nursery carries the most popular types; for example, the Douglas Fir, a short-needed variety; the Scotch Pine, a fast-growing kind with long, twisted needles; the White Pine with long needles soft to the touch; the Blue Spruce with medium length, blue-green needles, and the White Spruce with dark green, medium-length needles.

If you choose to dig and pot any of these varieties at two to three feet high, you are asked to supply your own container and shovel. When Christmas is over, you can keep the tree outside in its container and transplant it into the ground in early spring.

One customer has been using the same tree for the past seven years by potting it prior to Christmas to bring inside and then replanting it each spring. She enjoys having a live tree every year and saves money too.

If you decide to purchase a larger tree - from 3 to 7 feet high - you can pick one out and cut it down. In this case, nursery personnel will supply you with a saw.

Besides their own nursery-grown trees, they offer for sale cut Balsams from Canada, a traditional tree with a soft pine fragrance. These range in size from 4 to 15 feet. Fresh wreaths, swags, poinsettia plants, cemetery logs and small, pre-potted trees are also available from 9 to 8 each day from now until Christmas. Special orders may be placed by calling 786-3313.

Mitch's Nursery and Garden Center at 1265 Suffield Street is offering all the popular varieties of balsam, pine and laurel along with a large selection of wreaths. New to the garden center this year is a machine that sprays flocking on the evergreens to give the appearance of snow.

Hundreds of poinsettias are available in single colors, mixed colors, and beautiful hanging baskets. For those who have only a small space for a tree, small Alberta spruce trees in pots may be purchased.

At Mitch's Christmas Shop, everything needed to decorate your home, trim your tree, or create your own wreaths or centerpieces may be found. A wide selection of wild bird seed is also offered in bulk or by the pound.

Gift certificates may be the answer to your gift-giving problems and Mitch's offers these also. Their new holiday hours are Sunday through Tuesday from 9 to 6 and Wednesday through Saturday from 9 to 9.



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CELINE CHAMPAGNE of 351 North West Street, and her two year old son, Eric, have picked the tree of their choice at FEEDING HILLS NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTER located on Springfield Street. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

MITCH'S NURSERY, located on Suffield Street, has a large variety of fresh Christmas trees that will surely please Santa when he enters your living room on Christmas Eve. Mitch also carries some beautiful poinsettias. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



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LORI WITKIEWICZ, a junior at Agawam High School, is usually around FRAN'S PLACE helping her father run the popular shop where many unique and fine gifts can be found.



LORI PROUDLY SHOWS OFF the very impressive collection of Hummels and Sebastian's found in one of the showcases at FRAN'S PLACE. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Fran's Place Offers Huge Collection Of Fine Christmas Gifts and Wares

By Rita White

It is a comfortable feeling to be able to go shopping in your own home town and deal with other home town people. In this very commercialized day and age, one can still feel like an individual and receive personal attention. A very special place here in Agawam which fits this mold, especially during the holiday season, is **FRAN'S PLACE**, located at 297 Springfield Street at O'Brien's Corner.

The store is a family owned and operated business. And the family, the Witkiewiczs, are indeed Agawam people. Two of the daughters, Lynne and Patti, have both graduated from Agawam High School and are attending college, while daughter Lori is a junior at the high school and a member of the gymnastic team.

The girls' father, Steve, runs **Fran's Place** with the help of his daughters and they all do a super job accor-

ding to several residents who patronize the shop.

The shop has only been in operation since last March but in that short time, it has become one of the best known gift stores in the area.

It is difficult to find a beginning in describing what can be found at **Fran's Place**. There is a wonderful selection of Hummels, Sebastian's and Precious Moments, perfect gifts for the holiday season.

Fran's Place is a recognized dealer in these collectors' items and individuals who belong to various collectors' clubs can easily deal with the shop. Steve spends a great deal of his time going to auctions and display-shows looking for specific pieces for his customers and for those who have placed special requests with him. He regularly contacts dealers all over the country.

Pewter, some of it in miniature figurines for as low as \$2 and up and pewter for place-settings are also found in abundance in the shop. Steve also is proud of his collection of German crystal and Cranberry glass.

Fran's Place currently handles crafted items for approximately 210 local craftspeople, and there are many exquisite items in this category. One entire corner is set aside for baby items. These include knitted and crocheted baby cloths, toys, and decorative items.

Beautiful handmade quilts are also available as are homemade jellies, jams, marmalades and candies. There are ceramics of every size and description, some paintings, (both large and small), clocks, bird feeders - it's all there.

Steve has a large selection of silk flowers and he will happily make them into arrangements. The same applies to dried flowers.

There is a **CHRISTMAS CORNER** guaranteed to delight you during the Yule Tide season or any other season for that matter. Steve says this area will be on display the entire year.

Fran's Place also carries a supply of raffia for craft-people and beginning Jan. 1, Steve has planned a new area for fabrics and yarn.

If you think we've covered it all - wait and see. There is a fine array of stained glass and jewelry. **Fran's Place** also has available greeting cards and gift certificates upon request.

Don't miss out this Christmas. **Fran's Place**, conveniently located in O'Brien's Corner, is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. And for the kids, Santa will be at the store on Saturday, December 19th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.. Be sure and stop. You won't be disappointed.

Southwick Rec. Center Plans NYE Party

Southwick Recreation Center on Powder Mill Road off Route 57 is planning a New Year's Eve Party. The hall will be open at 7 p.m. with open bar available from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and a sirloin dinner catered by Ray Derochers to be served.

Leo Murawski's band "Stardusters" will play all types of music, but oldies will be featured throughout

the evening. Party favors, noisemakers, etc. will help ring in the new year.

Tickets are \$35 per couple by reservation only and should be obtained as soon as possible as they are limited.

For reservations, call (413) 569-5302, 569-5841, or 569-3144. or stop by the Southwick Recreation Center

Christmas Seal Tiles Available

Just in time for Christmas, the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts has reproduced the 1981 Christmas Seal into an attractive 6" X 6" color tile which can be used as a hot place, wall plaque, or as a decoration on its own.

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These tiles will someday be a collector's item since a limited quantity was reproduced and are dated 1981. To order your Christmas Seal Tile, call the Lung Association at 737-3506 or drop in at the office at 393 Maple Street, Springfield.

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Local Girls Excel In Modeling

Rebecca Charest, 10, of 173 Pine View Circle and Ann Abbey, 20, of Colemore Street, Feeding Hills recently competed in a modeling competition sponsored by **LaFemmina Modeling School** located in East Longmeadow.

Rebecca competed in the 7-10 year old division and was selected first runner-up while Ann competed in the 18 & Over division and was named third runner-up.

The competition was held at the Willow Glenn Restaurant in East Longmeadow on Sunday, November 29th and was directed by Suzanne Dahlstrom. Forty-eight young women competed in the Model Pageant.



Town Cookbook

By
Mary Ann Govoni

Imagine a recipe without the main ingredient? Well, I did it. In my last column, I forgot the pumpkin in the pumpkin bars recipe. I would like to apologize to anyone who wanted to try them, but were unable to do so because of the missing ingredient. Here is a corrected reprint of that recipe.

PUMPKIN BARS

1 can pumpkin (15 ounces)
1 cup oil
4 eggs
2 cups flour
2 cus sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped nuts and 1 cup raisins may be added.

Mix all ingredients together, except nuts and raisins, which should be folded in last. Put into greased and floured jelly roll pan 15 X 10 inches. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350°. Frosting follows.

FROSTING

3 ounces cream cheese (room temp.)
1 tsp. vanilla
3/4 stick butter or marg., softened
1 tbsp. milk
1 3/4 cups of confectioners sugar

Mix all ingredients in large bowl and spread on cooled bars. Makes about 48 bars.

My next recipe is from Elli Sullivan of Elizabeth Manor. She would like to share her German cookie recipe with everyone. With Christmas coming, cookies are a favorite of all children. (Santa likes them also.)

GERMAN CHRISTMAS COOKIES (PFEFFERNUSSE)

Cream together:

3/4 cup of Crisco shortening
2 eggs
1 cup dark brown sugar
1 cup molasses



Add:

6 to 8 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. cloves
1/4 tsp. black pepper
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. crushed anise seeds

Mix all ingredients well. Let dough rest in the refrigerator for 6 to 12 hours. Shape in ball the size of a quarter and bake in 350° oven, 12 to 15 minutes. Dip in frosting when cool.

FROSTING

1 box confectioners sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup milk

Put sugar, milk and vanilla in bowl. Beat till smooth. Add more milk if needed. Dip cookies in frosting and place on rack to drip. When dry, arrange on platter.

When I arrived at work Saturday at Arthur Drug Center, Gail Brunelle had left for me an envelope with many of her favorite recipes. Gail is the cook at Sacred Heart Rectory. Today's recipe is a quick and easy one which requires little time to prepare and cook.

ONE DISH MEAL

2 large potatoes, diced
2 raw carrots, sliced
1 small onion, diced
1/2 cup uncooked rice
3/4 lb. ground raw beef
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 1/2 cups tomato juice

Place potatoes in bottom of buttered casserole, add carrots, onion and rice. Place ground beef over the top. Add salt, pepper, and tomato juice. Bake 1 1/2 hours at 350°. (Other vegetables of your choice may be added.) Bake 325° in a glass dish.

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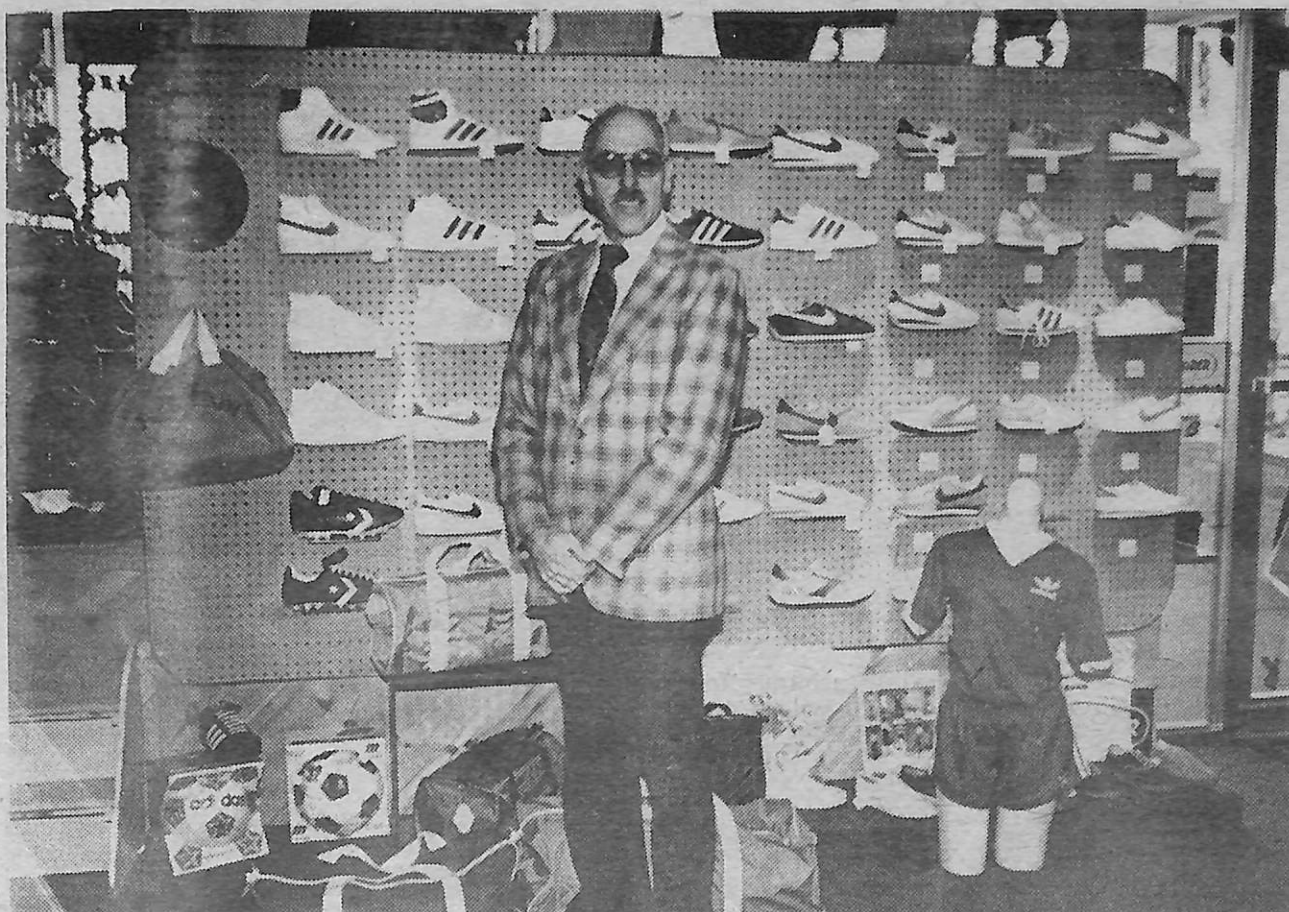
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By Dorine Kubik

Agawam residents have been shopping at Hamilton's Shoes for the past sixteen years as the store is conveniently situated nearby on Route 20 in Westfield. Skilled in fitting shoes properly, store manager Douglas Waldo brings 34 years of experience to his customers.

The store has shoes for everyone. The "Locker Room" carries Nikes and Adidas sportswear along with other sports footwear for all. Just in time for the holidays are the newest western style boots for women manufactured by Zodiac.

For the latest in women's dress shoes, Hamilton's

offers the new bronze and pewter look, and men can find their favorite Florsheim and Dexter styles. The popular Stride-Rite and Zips are available for children, who are always double-checked for proper fit by Waldo before they leave the store.

A complete winter line is included lined and unlined Sporto boots, and slippers are available for each member of the family.

Waldo states that they deal in customer service and always try to be pleasant and courteous. Hamilton's Shoes is located in the Westfield Shops on Route 20 and are open for Christmas hours Monday through Saturday from 10 to 9 and on Sunday from 12 to 5.



A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
Funeral Chapel

Confronting Reality

When someone dies, a life on earth ends. What remains is the body of a man, woman, or child who once was loved and who loved in return. When we remember that person, we often think of them in terms of their physical being - their body.

That is why it is difficult, if not impossible, for most survivors to disassociate themselves immediately from the lifeless body. Our mind requires evidence that life has ended. The presence of the body gives this evidence and provide the opportunity for recall and reminiscence. It offers testimony and tribute to the life that has been lived.

In most events and ceremonies, there is a meaningful symbol or person upon which to focus our attention. At a wedding, it is the bride and groom. For the pledge of allegiance, it is the flag. At a birthday party, it is the person whose birthday is being celebrated. And at the funeral, it is the body of the person who has died.

The first step in starting the process of healthful mourning is to acknowledge that the death has occurred. Nothing confirms this reality like viewing the body. Seeing is believing. It is the first essential step toward managing one's grief.

Viewing has become more important today than ever before. More people are dying away from home. There are more deaths following long and devastating illness. There are more people whose lives end under tragic circumstances. Several helpful purposes are served by viewing the body during the wake or visitation.

REALIZATION: The moment of truth when a person confronts the fact of death by looking at the body.

RECALL: Whether the death was due to an accident or after a long, devastating illness, proper preparation gives the family a more acceptable recall or memory image of the deceased than what they had witnessed prior to death.

EXPRESSION: Many people find it difficult to express themselves if they don't do it right away. Thus the body present and viewed during the visitation provides an immediate and proper climate for such expression.

People tend to deny painful reality, but when they experience that moment of truth that comes when they stand before the dead body, their denials collapse. Grief is a feeling. If you deny it, you have difficulty coping with it, but if you face it, you start the process of healthful mourning.

For most, the funeral with the body present becomes an experience of value as they work through the sociological, psychological, and many times religious needs that are a part of the grief experience.

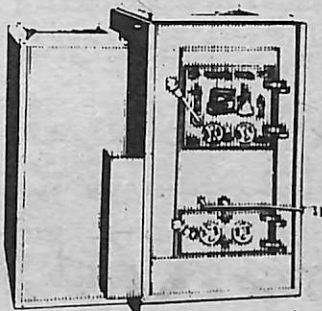
This'n That

The smell of man: Two scientists, Drs. Kenneth Yu and Matthew Rogowski of Colorado State University,

are trying to learn whether human hair can be an effective repellent to deer, rabbits and elk. The type of hair best used in the experiment is dirty, greasy hair. Clean perfumed locks won't do. The hair is rolled into loose balls and hung in mesh bags on trees and should repel or frighten animals that nibble at the bark or eat tender branches of orchard trees. Yu said that if the experiments are successful, a synthetic odor could be developed that could be sprayed onto trees. Leaf me along!

The apple of their eye: The Arkansas Education Association, a teachers' lobbying group, sent 28 state senators apples for voting for a bill that will raise Arkansas teachers' salaries an average of \$370 a year. Sen. Kim Hendren's wife, Marylea, countered by sending her husband and four other senators who voted against the bill oranges. Remember, they're not just for breakfast anymore!

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By Atty. Frank R. Saia

What Is Probate?

What is Probate? Probate is a legal proceeding under state law where property which does not pass directly to others (jointly owned property and life insurance payable to a named beneficiary). Three major functions are involved in probate.

1. The court will determine if the decedent left a valid will.
2. The court will appoint a personal representative to administer the decedent's estate.
3. The court will supervise the administration of the property subject to probate (the "probate estate").

When is the purpose of Probate? The procedure of probate is to assume that all property of the deceased is accounted for, all taxes paid and that persons entitled to the property receive it. Generally, the basic purposes of a probate proceeding are:

- A. To collect the decedent's probate assets;
- B. To protect and preserve the property of the estate;
- C. To pay all debts and taxes;
- D. To determine who is entitled to the probate estate and distribute the property to them.

There may be special circumstances where all persons interested in an estate, by common consent after review with their attorney, conclude that formal probate proceedings are unnecessary. But such circumstances are only appropriate under the direction and advisement of an attorney.

Probate procedures in Massachusetts are not complicated, but they require some experience. To achieve the desired results, they must be handled with an understanding of the underlying legal principles. These proceedings require the preparation and filing of many legal documents, the publication of notice, one or more hearings in Probate Court, appraisals of property and the transfer of all assets with preparation of an accounting by the personal representative.

How long does probate take? The initial step of petitioning for the allowance of the will or administration of the estate usually take six to eight weeks from date of filing of the petition. A petition may be prepared and federal estate tax returns and payment of taxes are due nine months from date of death. Partial distribution of property may be made prior to a complete settlement of the estate. A final settlement may take from one and one half to two and half years, if tax complexities are involved. Generally, the majority of the work is usually completed in the first nine months following death. Your attorney can assist you in preparing the tax returns.

If you die without a will, your probate property will be distributed according to the laws of the state, which may prove to be an inflexible, arbitrary formula of distribution. Those who die with will are able to control the destiny of their property upon death.

Anyone in possession of a will of a deceased person must file the will in the appropriate Probate Court within thirty days of the death of the deceased person. Penalties by law are provided for withholding or destroying a will.

Your attorney can assist you throughout the probate procedure whether one dies with or without a will. This article is not exhaustive of everything you should know about Probate, but you know who you can ask.

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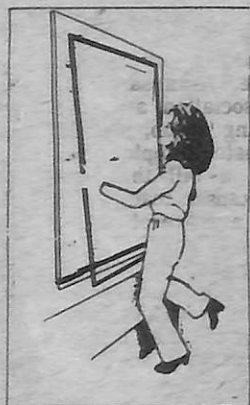
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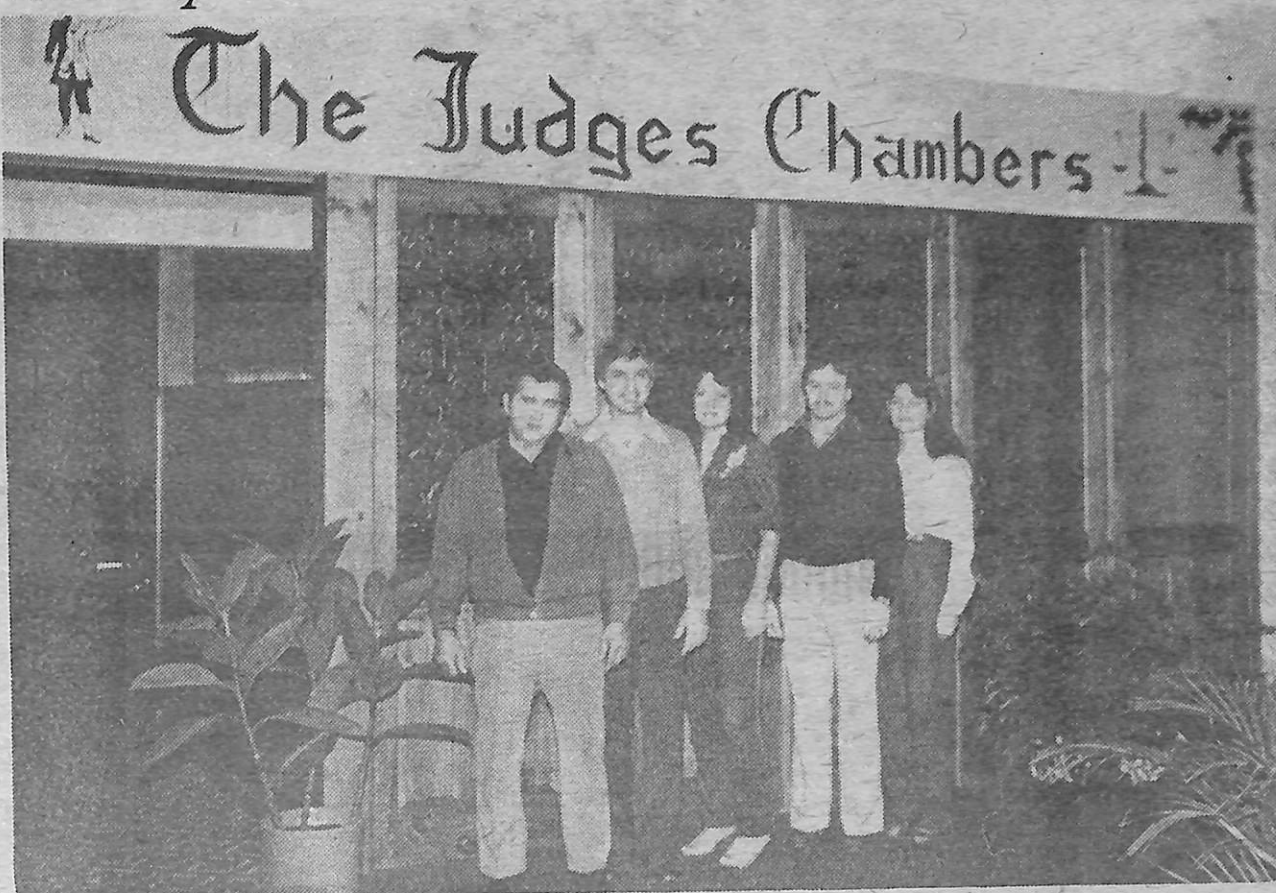
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TAX TIPS

by John Waish
Agawam CPA

Helping Your Cash Flow

The 1981 Economic Recovery Act has far-reaching implications for future tax years. Knowing some of the changes now that will take effect in 1982 can help you plan your tax transactions and cash flow in advance so as to take advantage of various tax saving techniques.

Effective for stock distributions after 1981 in tax years ending after 1981, an individual who chooses, under a domestic public utility corporation's stock dividend reinvestment plan, to receive a dividend in the form of common stock rather than cash or other property may, if certain conditions are met, elect to exclude up to \$750 per year (\$1,500 on a joint return) of the stock dividend. The exclusion terminates for distributions after 1985.

The Act increases the deduction for contributions to Keogh (HR-10) plans, simplified employee pensions and retirement plans for Subchapter S corporations to the lesser of 15% of earned income, or \$15,000, effective in 1982. Consequently, an unincorporated business owner, considering incorporation for the benefits of corporate pension and profit-sharing plans, may wish to reconsider any plans for incorporation.

The Act also contains significant changes in the rules relating to Individual Retirement Accounts. Beginning in 1982, persons already participating in qualified employer or government plans may now establish individual IRA's and deduct their contributions in accordance with the new limitations.

Both the maximum annual contribution and the manner of its computation have been changed. The limit on deductible contributions is now 100% of compensation, but no more than \$2,000. Married couples with spousal IRA's who file joint returns, where one spouse has no earned income, can deduct up to \$2,250.

Finally, individuals now have less discretion in the investment of IRA assets. Effective January 1, 1982, acquisitions by an IRA of certain inflation hedges (e.g., antiques, gold and precious stones) will result in a taxable distribution to the individual. This rule will also apply to Keogh (HR-10) plans.

Starting in 1982, individuals who do not itemize will be able to receive a deduction for charitable con-

tributions. For 1982 and 1983, 25 percent of the first \$100 of contributions may be deducted. In 1984, 25 percent of the first \$300 of contributions will be deductible. In 1985, 50 percent of all contributions will be deductible. In 1986, 100 percent of all contributions will be deductible. This provision will end in 1986.



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Connor Builders To Showcase Energy Home

Connor Builders Inc. of Agawam has broken ground for what the company describes as its most "energy-efficient home design over."

Vincent Connor, president of the firm, explains that under a nationwide program supported by Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation, his company will build a model home with super-high insulation levels and other cost-effective, energy-saving features aimed at reducing heating and cooling fuel use far below the norm in the Agawam area.

Model's Make-Up

Located at 485 River Road, the 1,100 square ft. ranch has three bedrooms and 1 barn. There are higher-than-average levels of Fiberglass insulation throughout the home - R-60 in the attic and R-30 in the walls and floor. (R-value is a measure of insulation effectiveness; the higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power).

The home is framed with a 2 x 6 studs and has a raised truss roof to accommodate the increased levels of insulation.

Since energy efficiency, to a great extent, depends on a combination of high insulation levels and low air-movement in and out of a house, special care was taken to carefully caulk and weatherstrip all possible air infiltration areas such as windows, doors and electrical outlets.

In addition, a continuous polyethylene vapor barrier further acts to seal the home and reduce air movement. The home will have electric baseboard heat and, once occupied, may be monitored by Western Mass. Electric to determine actual energy use. An energy audit compiled to determine annual energy-heat loss is available.

National Program

The Connor home will be one of more than 400-high efficiency models to be constructed under an Owens-Corning program dubbed "Build Smarter, Buy Smarter."

The program is designed to alert consumers about the benefits of building smarter and designing new homes for a high degree of energy efficiency, says Connor.

He added, "Studies by such firms as Date Resources, Inc., indicate that fuel prices are likely to double during the next ten years. Likewise, homeowners have become very conscious of the need to minimize use of heating and cooling equipment in the homes they buy. But many, however, are not fully aware of the options open to them."

Connor says by encouraging construction of homes that are much more energy-efficient than conventional models, at a price only slightly higher, the builders hope to show buyers what constitutes a truly energy-efficient home. In turn, he said, we will prove that people are interested in learning about and owning such homes."

Harrington Presents "Good Guy" Award



15 year old Tory Williams of Longmeadow receives a bouquet of flowers from United Way of Pioneer Valley campaign chairman, C. D. Harrington, Jr., president of Third National Bank of Hampden County along with her "Good Guy" hat for her help in this year's campaign.

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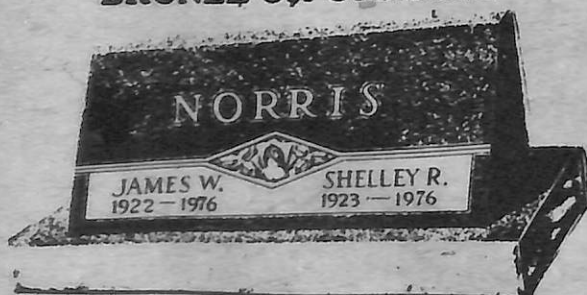
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Industrial Development Here On The Minds Of New Council

In weekly interviews with new members of Town Council, combined with the dialogue we've been hearing lately from veteran town councilors, industrial development within our community seems to be a top priority.

We've heard this before. But for one reason or another, (reasons that are obvious but don't deserve any further ink in this space), Agawam has lagged considerably behind sister communities in this area.

From time to time, industrial development and expanding our tax base has been headlined by our administrative and political leaders. But that's been about it - rhetoric built on more rhetoric.

There's no question that Agawam needs to stabilize its tax base through the solicitation of light industry. Pro-

viding that the community output in funds can be realized through jobs and incoming taxes over a period of time, such propositions are sound investments for our future.

We believe that the new council which will sit in January will attempt to address this issue and find a means of bringing some very desirable industry to Agawam. We certainly have the land.

There has been much discussion about developing several areas of the community, which, if handled properly, can be a bonus for the town.

We urge members of Town Council to take a long, hard look at this issue and to seek ways of putting Agawam back into viable competition with neighboring communities during the 1982-84 council session.

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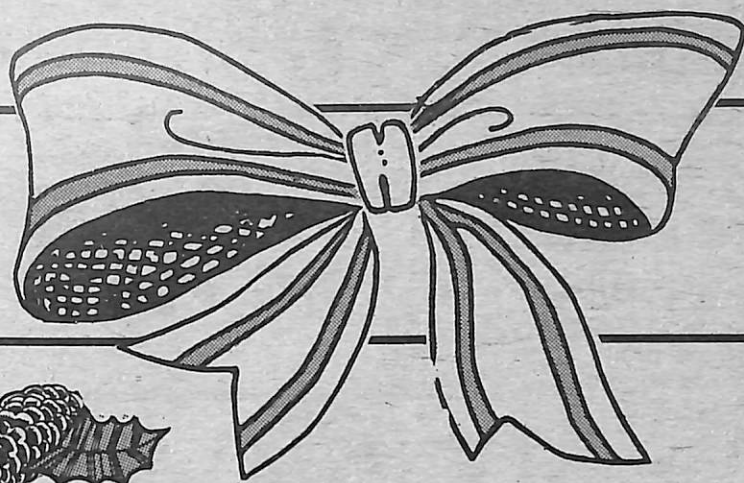
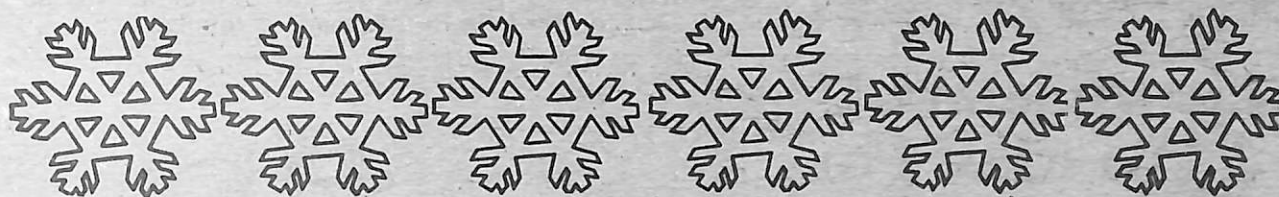
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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

Carmine Rossi's deep faith, wonderful outlook on life, and genuine love of people are possessions that have no price tag. He makes people feel happy just because he is such a joy to talk to.

Carmine is known by every person who has ever attended or worked at Agawam High School for the past twenty years. He has been head of the maintenance department for ten of those years and is described as one of the most positive and popular persons in the building.

Principal John Morrissey describes himself as very fortunate to have Carmine as his friend. "Carm is the kind of man that every kid would love to have as a father and every man wants to have as a friend," he says.

This sentiment was shared by office staff member Dorothy Eggleston, who terms Carmine "the dearest man ever - one of the best."

Carm's Attitude Makes Him Special

What seems to make Carmine Rossi so special is his attitude towards everyone and everything. He enjoys his job at the school; he respects his co-workers and supervisors; he likes high school kids; he loves his family; and he worships God.

His relationship with God is a primary force in his life. He claims without hesitation, "If you have faith, you've got the whole world licked."

Carm says that his strong religious commitment came from his mother who "lived in church." In fact, he chuckles, he got his name from one. His mother, who had miscarried two sons prior to her pregnancy with him, vowed that if the expected child was healthy, she would name him after the patron saint of Mt. Carmel Church instead of John, her husband's father's name as she really preferred. Carm laughs that he wishes she had been attending St. Francis Church at the time so his name could have been a more common one "like Frank or something."

Born In Springfield, But Lived In Italy

Carm was born in the South End of Springfield but moved to Naples, Italy, at age ten when his parents returned to their native home. He stayed in Italy for six years before deciding to return to America because there seemed to be more opportunity here.

Not long after his return, World War II began, and he was drafted to serve in the 104th Infantry of the Yankee Division. His six years of duty included the Battle of the Bulge, for which he was awarded the Silver Star.

He returned to Springfield to marry the "girl he had left waiting behind." His wife Italia says she will never forget the night they met at the Verdi Club. "He was so handsome and had so many girlfriends that I was thrilled when he asked me to dance."

Carm and Italia have been married for 36 years and have a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Linda Renaud, who is the mother of a 7-month-old son named Daniel.

Praise For Co-Workers And Staff

Carm smiles a lot when he talks about his job. He says there is a wonderful spirit at the high school. He appreciates the efforts of the ten men who work with him on maintenance, calling his daytime co-worker Frank Mazza "a real worker."

Carm also wants it publicly mentioned how good the cafeteria personnel, managed by Barbara Caponcelli, are because "they try so hard to please." He does not want the secretaries left out either because "they cooperate so much with me." He is a very sincere man in his praises which keep extending to the point where no one on the staff is left out.

Not without emotion does Carm mention David Theodorowicz, AHS principal who died last summer. "Mr. T. is in my prayers, and not a day goes by when I am walking around in school that I don't remember him coming around the corner saying, 'Hi, Carm' no matter how busy or who he was with."

When Carm talks about the students, he is involved with them as if they were his own kids. "I really, really enjoy those kids," he points out.

Carm stresses to the children how important he believes education is. When students come to him and discuss dropping out, he tells them "never to drop out; to get an education while you can." He is always pleased to hear about students when they get successful jobs.

Carm said his own education suffered by his moving from this area to Italy during his school age years, but "life is what you make it and I have tried to do my best at what I'm doing."

Carm adds that when a person does something he loves, he is happy. Carm calls himself happy and part of reason for that is because he practices something that his mother taught him as a young child.

She told him that when you wake up in the morning, if you think of a way to do a good deed for another person during the day, then you will sleep better at night. Carm obviously follows her advice.



LONG-TIME HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN CARMINE ROSSI is the subject of this week's Community Calendar, a regular feature recently added to this newspaper. Photo by Jack Devine.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., Dec. 14: Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, buttered green beans, applesauce, milk

Tues., Dec. 15: Orange juice, spaghetti w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, jello w/whip topping, milk

Wed., Dec. 16: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven baked beans, buttered carrots, spice cake w/vanilla icing, milk

Thurs., Dec. 17: Beef & gravy on whipped potatoes, niblet corn, wheat bread and butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk

Fri., Dec. 18: Oven roast chicken w/pineapple sauce, steamed rice, buttered peas & carrots, bread and butter, dessert, milk

P.P.E.P. To Meet

Parents Promoting Educational Potential (PPEP) will hold a meeting on December 10th at 7 p.m. in the faculty dining room at the Agawam Junior High School.

Parents whose children are involved in Project S.E.E. are especially invited to attend.

Special Ed. Plan Available For Inspection

Joseph Costanzo, Director of Special Services for the Agawam School System, has completed the Local Education Agency Special Education Plan for school year 1981-82.

The plan is available for public inspection at his office and in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, both located in the Junior High School on Springfield Street.

Library To Present Christmas Story Hour

The Agawam Public Library will offer a Christmas program for Agawam children ages 4 to 7 on Saturday, December 19th, from 2 to 3 p.m.

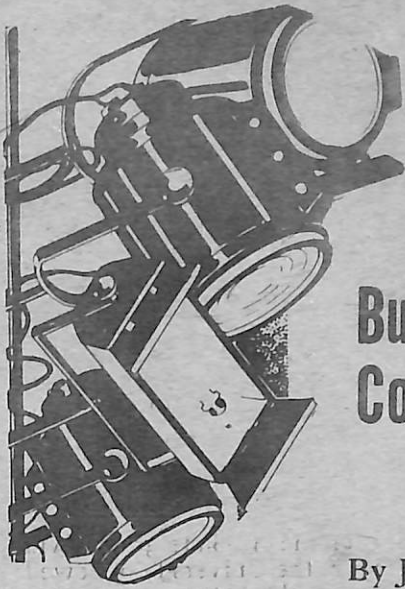
The show will feature the filmstrip "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and other favorite Christmas stories and will include a surprise visit by a very special guest.

To sign up, call the library at 789-1550.

Cub Pack 75 Plans Christmas Party

Cub scouts and Webelos of Pack 75 are preparing for their annual Christmas Party to take place on Sunday, December 13th from 2 to 4 at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Along with the party will be a grab bag so all scouts are asked to bring their gifts to their den leader prior to Sunday. Brothers and sisters of scouts are also included in the grab bag drawing.



School-Businesses: Cooperative Effort

By Joanne Brown

For the last five years, local businessmen have been working in conjunction with the Business Department at Agawam High School in a cooperative office education program. Under the direction of Mrs. Arline Buchanan, this program combines office training and actual work experience for individuals studying office occupations in courses at the high school.

Mrs. Buchanan explains the origin of the program: "When the program began in 1977, we saw the logic and practicality of placing advanced business students into part-time work situations where they could learn much more than was possible in a school setting. They actually experience the working world where mistakes count for more than lowering a grade."

Program Explained To Local Businesses

At the beginning of each school year, Mrs. Buchanan contacts employers who might be willing to accept a student for training. Initially, she met with some hesitation because of businessmen's reluctance to hire a student rather than a more mature person. Sometimes she has to explain the program over again year after year to some employers before her efforts pay off with the placement of a student.

Lloyd Cogswell, who operates his manufacturing firm on Suffield Street, was the first to take on a student five years ago and hired her permanently after graduation. She is still employed as part of his small office staff.

According to Mrs. Buchanan, permanent positions are frequently offered to students who work out well in their part-time employment. She smiles when she notes that this situation is great for those students but creates problems for her in finding new openings every year.

Advanced Business Students Participate

Between ten and fifteen students qualify to participate in this cooperative office education program each year. Certain course prerequisites must be met in the students' sophomore and junior years, and they must carry senior courses in Business English, secretarial office practice or clerical office practice, and Stenography II, Accounting II, Career Typewriting, or Bookkeeping.

In addition to course requirements, students must have the permission of Mrs. Buchanan to participate. When judging students, she considers their attendance records at school because employers will expect employees to show up at work as scheduled.



Sue Craig, left, works on an electronic typewriter as part of her instruction given by Agawam High business teacher Mrs. Arline Buchanan, right. Photo by Jack Devine.

Along with other courses in their senior year, these students take a Cooperative Office Education class. In this class, they study intensively how to find and apply for a job, including assessing personal abilities, resume writing, and the interview procedure. Interviewing situations are videotaped and criticized later in order to make constructive suggestions for improvement.

Skill in stenography or accounting plus typing and use of correct English are emphasized so students are prepared to do a good job for prospective employers. Mrs. Buchanan points out that feedback from businessmen often helps her, Business Department Chairperson Mrs. Arlene Mazza, and other members of the department in determining which courses should be offered.

Evaluations Performed On The Job

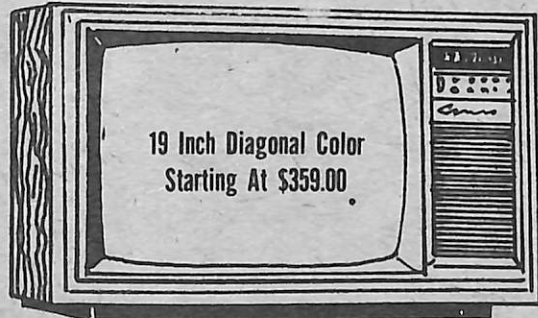
Weekly time sheets signed by employers are turned in by each student to Mrs. Buchanan as part of contractual agreements reached by employers, students, and students' parents. In addition, interim progress reports are filled out by employers along with quarterly evaluation forms. Mrs. Buchanan personally visits each student on the job and discusses their progress with supervisors.

She, herself, has extensive background in this area as she worked as a medical secretary for ten years prior to earning a teaching degree. She has an associate's degree in medical secretarial work from Holyoke Community College and a bachelor's and master's in education from American International College. She also spent some time working at various jobs in many situations through Kelly Girls temporary employment services.

Because of the difficult economic times in which businesses find themselves, Mrs. Buchanan is finding placement of students increasingly difficult. She cites many benefits which may accrue to employers under this program, including the opportunity to participate in training an employee to work specifically as an individual may require. She also mentions the service to the school system and to the community at large which can be extended through such a cooperative program.

"By use of such a program, our education system becomes more flexible and is better able to provide for each individual those learning experiences he or she needs at a time and place when he can profit by them," Mrs. Buchanan concludes.

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Dec. 15th
Grange Meeting
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Dec. 19th
Christmas Story Hour
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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Dept. Chairman

On behalf of the Guidance Department, I would like to thank the 100 parents and students who made our financial aid meeting with Lee Sirois so successful.

It was frustrating to hear that the cost of both a public and private school education has become astronomical. For example, Sirois mentioned that the tuition cost at Georgetown Dental School is \$18,000 and at Bennington College the cost is \$11,000. Room, board, and tuition costs at UMass can run as high as \$5,000. Unless a student applies for financial aid, the chances of attending a first rate school may be out of the question because of a family's financial considerations.

Remember, there is no guarantee that because a family files a Financial Aid Form that help will be forthcoming. When the College Scholarship Service determines a family's contributions for their child's education, a needs analysis report is sent to the college(s). The financial aid director then determines what aid, if any, the student will receive. Aid is usually awarded in the form of 1) a student loan; 2) a grant; or 3) college work study. A student might receive one, two, or all three.

If a student needs additional financial aid, his parents should visit their local bank and apply for a Guaranteed Student Loan. This is usually done after the student has decided which school he plans to attend. The loan may end up being the only source of aid the student receives or it may augment aid he/she has already received from the college.

As Sirois explained, a Massachusetts State Scholarship is extremely difficult to acquire as a student must be in dire need. But he did emphasize the importance of applying for the Pell Grant, a federally subsidized grant program. There is no charge for sending a needs analysis to the Pell Grant. It just requires a check off on the application form.

Congrats to the following seniors on their college acceptances: Michael Acquaro, Franklin Pierce; Tammy Lucia, WNEC; and Jill St. John, Dean Jr. College.

Note: Seniors who have Barr Scholarship applications must mail them in to the Horace Smith Fund office between December 20 and 31. Applicants are to notify Mrs. Bellico that these applications have been sent in order to have transcripts also mailed.

Westfield State Slates Christmas Concert

The Westfield State College Chorale and Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Dr. Theodore Davidovich, will present its annual Christmas Concert in Bates Recital Hall on Saturday, December 12th at 8 p.m.

The theme to be followed by both groups will be "The Joys of Christmas."

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Local Musicians Qualify For All-State Tryouts

Six Agawam music students have qualified to tryout for All-State Chorale or Band following successful scores at recent All-Western Mass. ratings.

Gidget Joy, Tom Bennett, and Charles Hastings will tryout for All-State Chorale, and Andy Lester (euphonium), Joseph Curran (trumpet) and Colleen Conway (French horn) will tryout for All-State Band.

The All-Western Mass. and All-State groups provide an opportunity for the most accomplished music students from all of the state's high schools to perform together under widely known conductors. They also get musical experience performing difficult literature with fully instrumented groups of highly talented people.

Auditions on both the district and state levels require solos, scales, and sight readings. Chorus auditions include singing of parts of required pieces against three other parts in addition to sight reading.

Students who qualify for the All-State groups will spend three days together at the University of Lowell in March and will perform for the state conference for music teachers during that time.

Laughing Brook Slates Yuletide Children's Program

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden has scheduled its annual holiday Yuletide program for youngsters on Saturday, December 19th, from noon to 2 p.m.

Children will participate in a storytelling session, meet some of Laughing Brook's animals, and make some take-home holiday crafts. A Yuletide feature is the dedication of the Littlest Christmas Tree, a short story made famous by children's author Thornton W. Burgess and read by Laughing Brook's own Mother West Wind.

Participating children are invited to bring holiday gifts of food for the animals housed at the sanctuary. Small donations of bird seed, peanut butter, carrots or fruit will be accepted and distributed to the animals during the winter months.

Yuletide at Laughing Brook is open to all children between the ages of 3½ and 6. A program fee will be charged, and reservations are required in advance. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

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REPRESENTING THEIR NINTH GRADE CLASS in displaying the class gift of a commemorative portrait of outgoing principal Paul Tatro to its subject are, left to right: Karen Conway, Diana Porter, Todd Connery, and Paul Joseph. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

9th Graders Present Portrait Of Tatro

Ninth graders at Agawam Junior High School presented a portrait of outgoing principal Paul Tatro to be hung in an appropriate place in the school as a commemoration of Tatro's service as the school's first principal.

Tatro has recently been promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Schools and has turned the school over to Thomas O'Keefe. As he also served as a member of the building committee for the school, the students believe the portrait a special way to give him personal recognition.

Commissioned through James A. Martone, the portrait represents the new process in photo-oil painting and follows a tradition of the presentation of a class gift to the school established in 1973 when the Junior High first opened.

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Brownie Troop 544 Donates Wreath



Members of Brownie Troop 544, under the direction of Debbie LaValley, Nancy Auger, and Michelle Dunn, have made a yarn wreath for Clark School as a holiday gift. Here, left to right, Marcia Walker, Jennifer Souliere, Elizabeth McNamee, and Carrie Yell, present the wreath to school secretary Mrs. Anita Hastings. Photo by Jack Devine.



TERESA CAVILIERO of Cavey's restaurant has announced a holiday art contest to be sponsored by her establishment to give local children an opportunity to demonstrate their artistic talent. Photo by Jack Devine.

Holiday Art Contest Sponsored For Kids

A holiday art contest is being sponsored for all Agawam students in grades one through twelve. Mrs. Teresa Caviliero of Cavey's restaurant on Springfield Street is sponsoring the contest as an opportunity for children to display their artistic talents.

Letters will be sent out to Agawam's art teachers listing the contest rules, and entries will be on display at Cavey's and later donated to a local nursing home and a children's center.

One winner will be selected from each grade, and each will be allowed to choose either a medium combination pizza, a freshly baked apple or pumpkin pie, or two large grinders of their choice. Judging will take place at Cavey's on Tuesday, December 22nd.

For additional information, call Mrs. Caviliero at 786-2628.

Joint Mt. Carmel Choirs To Perform Sunday

The combined senior and junior choirs of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Springfield, will present their annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13th at 4 p.m. in the church.

Everyone is invited to here these choruses of 80 voices present old and new carols, a sing-along, and the cantata "The Dawn of Christmas" by R. Nolte. A reception will follow in the school auditorium.



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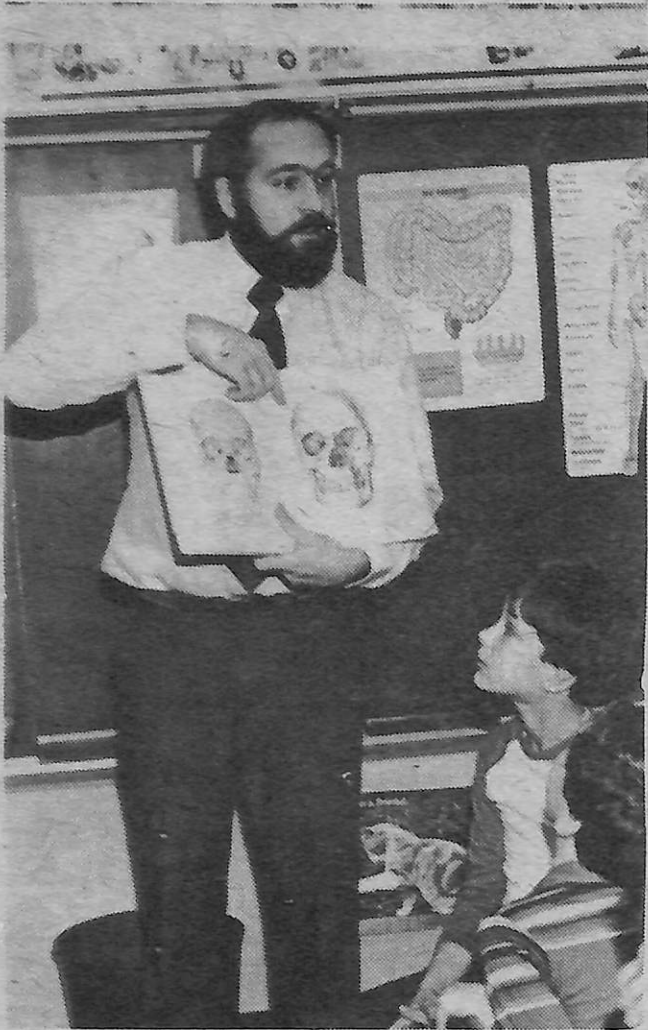
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Dr. Jawitz, a staff member at Baystate Medical Center and parent of a Phelps School student, addresses a class at the school which is studying the Wide Horizons-sponsored Blood and Guts kit. Photo by Jack Devine.

"Your Blood & Guts Delight Students In Wide Horizons

When Bob Shea announced to his fourth-grade class at Phelps School that they would be studying the human body, the students' initial reaction was "ugh!" This squeamish reaction, however, soon vanished as the students enthusiastically immersed themselves in "Your Blood and Guts," the Wide Horizons curriculum kit designed to teach upper elementary students about health and the human body.

Most fourth-graders don't know what is in their bodies or how their bodies work, according to Shea. In his view, "Your Blood and Guts" helps students become aware of themselves as a marvelous collection of varied and fascinating parts and functions.

The Phelps students began their study of the human body by using slides and microviewers from the kits to look at cells and to see why cells are called the "building blocks of life." Next, they worked with Billy Torso, a child-sized plastic human model with detachable parts, to study the body as a complex and intricate collection of organs and functions.

The students are now investigating the skeletal and muscular systems of the body. Shea noted that his class so enjoyed working with real bones from the kit that he arranged with Dr. Jawitz of Baystate Medical Center, a parent of one of the students, to visit the class with a full skeleton set.

When the students explore the circulatory system they will play the "Circulatory Game" on a gameboard which traces the path in which blood moves through the body; they will also make plaster casts of the heart. As a wind-up activity, the class will visit the Springfield Science Museum for the "Wonderful You" programs on the human body.

"Your Blood and Guts" is one of the most popular Wide Horizons kits in use in the Agawam elementary schools this year. Fourth or fifth grade classes at each of the schools - Phelps, Peirce, Clark, Granger and Robinson Park - will be using the kit throughout this winter and spring to explore the fascinating world of the human body.

The Reading Room

By Rita White

All of us have at least one music lover on our Christmas list, and if that person happens to love jazz, then I have a suggestion for the perfect gift.

Time-Life Books has a tremendous series called *The Giants of Jazz*. An example of this series is Volume XVIII which features Johnny Hodges. This volume consists of three long-playing records featuring Johnny Hodges playing with many name bands, such as Duke Ellington, as well as performing with his own band providing some really incredible music.

Students Saving Campbell Soup Labels

Students at Feeding Hills Christian Academy are currently conducting a label collection drive that promises to bring in valuable equipment for the academy. As part of the program called "Labels for Education," Campbell Soup Company is offering various items of school equipment in exchange for labels from the company's products.

According to Mr. Colley, principal/supervisor of the academy, schools may redeem the labels for audio-visual equipment, athletic equipment, reference books, and teaching aids. He indicates his school hopes to collect 6,000 labels before the drive ends on February 1, 1982.

Labels from Campbell's soups, beans, tomato juice, V-8 juice, Swanson canned foods, and Franco-American products are all redeemable.

Colley urges all local residents to help them out by donating their labels to students of the academy or by dropping them off at Feeding Hills Bible Church between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



In 1836, Richard Mentor Johnson became the only U.S. vice president ever elected by the Senate. He failed to get enough electoral votes to take office. He served with Martin Van Buren.

Along with the records is a book which tells the life story of Johnny Hodges, who was recognized by his peers as one of the greatest on the saxophone. Whether he was playing soprano or alto sax, there was no one who could equal his individuality. The biography is full of quotations from some of the greats of jazz, some wonderful photographs, and the story of one of jazz's finest artists.

For those who are really into the origins of jazz, the book also includes notes on every piece of music that is on the records, including the writer of the song and the people performing it, along with background. This is a volume that any jazz lover would be thrilled to own and guarantees many hours of listening pleasure.

On to our recommendations for the children on your list. Bantam has out a book that is guaranteed to please any youngster and give them hours of "things to do." It is entitled *The Whole Kids Do-It-Yourself Scrapbook* by Peter Cardozo. This is not your everyday scrapbook with a lot of blank pages in it. Every page has a purpose, with places for family trees, travel notes, special sporting events, movies that were memorable, pages for autographs, special cartoons and comics, maps, etc. This list is endless, but this is definitely a good choice for a youngster with an active mind.

Neugebauer Press in London has sent us a lovely picture book, *The Moon Lake* by Ivan Gantscher. The book has some very beautiful pictures and tells the story of a hidden lake that the moon uses to bathe in, leaving diamonds and other sparkly stones on its banks. Finding one's way back home is another thing entirely. A charming story.

In case any of you have a little one who balks at taking a bath, perhaps a happy solution will be Ellen B. Jackson's book, *The Bear in the Bathtub*, published by Addison-Wesley. A wonderful little story about Andrew who doesn't like to take baths and is suddenly freed from the task by a bear who refuses to leave the bathtub. As a few days go by, and Andrew finds friends and acquaintances standing further and further away from him, he looks for a way to get the bear to leave.

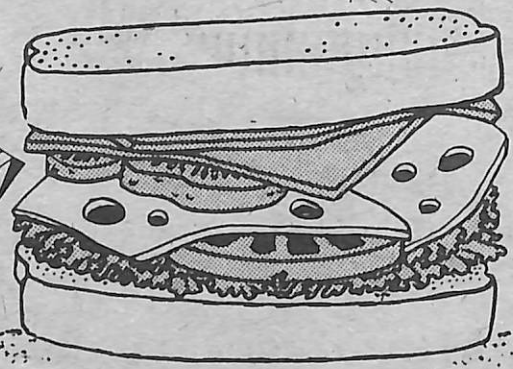
Ms. Jackson is a former teacher and brings to her children's books not only realism, but her knowledge of what will appeal to the children. *The Bear in the Bathtub* is a good bet for any youngster.

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Attach a chain to the doghouse so that it won't become strangled; affix swivels to both ends of the chain to help keep the chain from becoming entangled. Do not fasten the chain to a pole or anywhere it can be wrapped around the same. The chain must be at least three times the length of the dog's body or about 12 feet. There is no excuse for short chains.

Make sure your dog has normal body weight. If he/she is thin have it checked by your vet for worms, and make sure it has an adequate diet. You are not qualified to worm your own dog with patient medicines.

Dogs must be free of internal and external parasites according to state animal protection laws. If female dogs are kept outside, have her spayed to prevent birth of an unwanted surplus litter of puppies.

TRIPPING ABOUT...

Cobwebs At Vermont Inn

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joanne Gilbert is a Suffield, Conn. resident, and her column is a regular feature of the **SOUTHWICK/SUFFIELD ADVERTISER NEWS**. We thought our readers in Agawam would enjoy Joanne's column in this week's edition.

BY JOANNE GILBERT

On a recent trip to Quechee, Vermont, we stayed at the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farms, an 18th century home of Vermont's first Lt. Governor, Colonel Joseph Marsh.

The inn has 22 rooms, cable TV and provides guests with a complimentary continental breakfast of homemade coffee cake, cold cereal, English muffins, coffee or tea and a choice of three juices. This is all served buffet style in the cozy and hospitable dining room.

We had what is called the Coach House Suite, two small rooms with high ceilings, rustic old beams, barn board wainscoting with off-white walls. The rooms were attractive and well-decorated; however, the rugs hadn't been vacuumed, cob-webs were everywhere - you could see that the dust along the ledge of the wainscoting had been collecting for quite some time.

Number 18 wire, with bare connections, was shining through the baseboard heating register. Cable for the TV in the bedroom was lying across the floor in front of a doorway.

It was a cold, raw Vermont day, and the heating unit in the sitting room wasn't working properly

Wind was penetrating the old windows. Luckily, there were storms to pull down which helped a great deal. The bathroom was large, with modern fixtures, plenty of towels, but no electrical unit for my husband's electric razor.

Dinner is served at the inn by reservation Wednesday through Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. The five entrees on the menu were not to my husband's liking so we dined out.

Amenities are available to guests at nominal fees: dining and recreational facilities at the Quechee Club.

Glancing over the guestbook, I found that it was filled with very complimentary remarks, which makes me wonder if we're too fussy or do people think cobwebs lend to that New England charm. But I feel strongly that when you are paying \$75 per night, you should expect to have a well-maintained room with everything in proper working order.

Other things to see in the area are the scenic Quechee Gorge known as "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon." At the Quechee Gorge you will find a gift shop that features sportswear for men and women. "Dewey's Fabrics," which is located in the big red room, is a must for sewers. If you're hungry, Dana's restaurant by the Gorge is a great place to stop; the food is good and prices are reasonable. Not too far away is the beautiful village of Woodstock with its many interesting little shops.

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How To "Pack It All In" For A Vacation

What's your getaway plan for the vacation season? An active holiday of tennis or swimming? A soak in the sun on a quiet beach? A cozy visit in the country with friends? Whether you're going away for a week or a weekend, packing is the first step. Here are some tips on how to do it right

- Try the double duty approach with clothes. A big ethnic scarf can be

wrapped around your head, worn at the neck, used as a sash with skirts and pants. A knee-length sleeveless shift can work as a beach cover-up and as a tunic over slim pants at night. And one of the new split skirts can cover all the bases from skirts to pants.

- For wrinkle-resistant folding and fitting: If you're packing in a suitcase, spread pants, skirts, blouses on the

bottom, letting them hang out over the sides. Put smaller things in the center, then fold the ends of the longer items over to make a neat "sandwich."

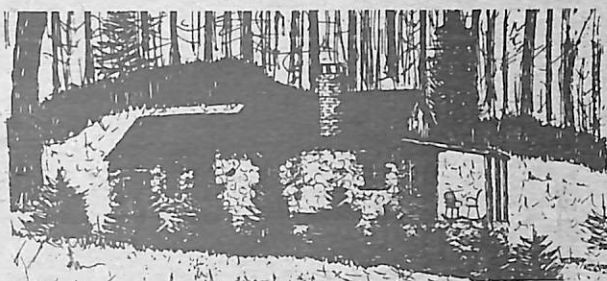
- Another trick is to organize by categories, putting like things—underwear, T-shirts, swimsuits—together in plastic bags. To unpack fast, just transfer each bag to a drawer upon arrival.

- Try to cut down on bulky hair equipment. A blow dryer is fine and a

great timesaver when you're swimming every day. But if your hairdo depends on rollers, curling irons, and an hour under the dryer, better think about a new easy-care style for summer.

- Never pack more than you can carry. You'll never know when you'll have to run for a plane, train or bus. And if you're traveling by air, a bag that fits under your seat saves waiting time at the check-in and baggage claim.

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From the kitchens of Weight Watchers, through the work of its expert internationally known chefs, there has come a Hanukkah menu that not only abides by all the beautiful holiday traditions, but for those who are weight conscious, it is "safe" as well.

"People everywhere, Weight Watchers or not, or Jewish or not have come to realize that by borrowing from each other's cultural heritage, we all benefit," said Ron Labell, Area Director for Weight Watchers of Connecticut and Western Mass.

"You don't have to be overweight to enjoy these delicious foods. On the big plate (in picture), left, are the traditional latkes and pancakes. These are made with zucchini and garnished with parsley and cherry tomatoes. At top right is the equally traditional potato kugel and at bottom are old-fashioned oatmeal and raisin cookies, a delight to festival celebrants of all nations.

And in the glass cups is hot mulled wine (strictly "legal"), rich and red containing real brown sugar and garnished with cinnamon sticks. The table contains the Menorah with eight candles, one for each of the eight sacred days. Also shown are the "dreidels" or spinning tops with which the children gamble for pennies.



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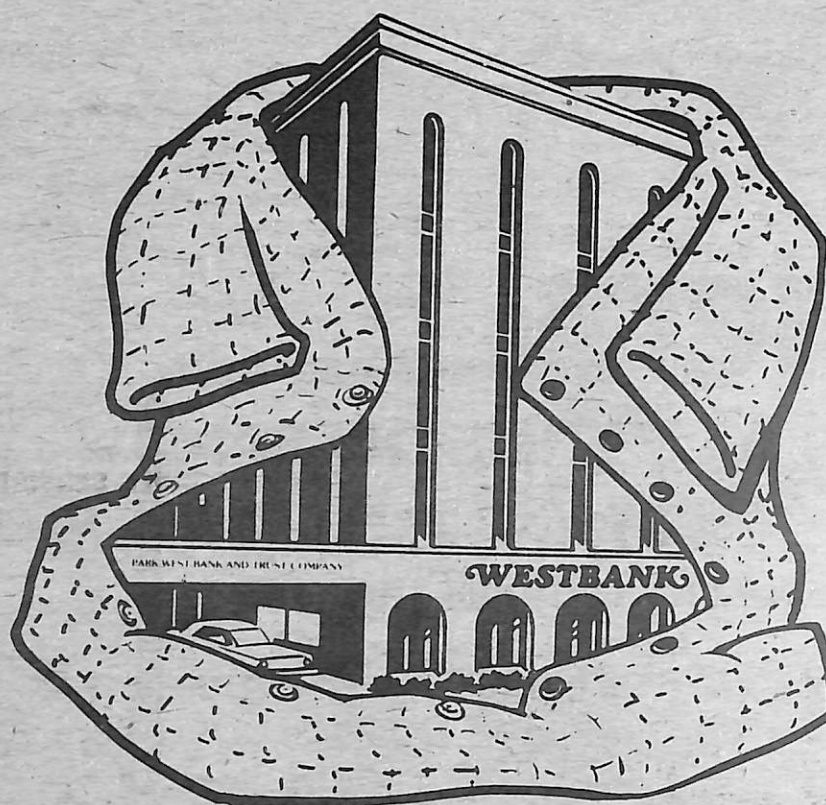
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SPORTS

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Football Brownies (8-1-1) Deserve Praise

By Chris Hout

The winning tradition that Agawam fans had been accustomed to for five decades is back once again as Agawam football has reasserted itself as a bonafide Western Mass. power.

The football Brownies have recently completed an 8-1-1 season, the school's most productive output since the days of Harry Leonardi and company in 1966.

"I am very proud of all my players," said head coach Jack Michalak, who has completed his fourth year in directing Agawam's fortunes. "We had an outstanding year and with a few breaks we could have won the whole damn thing."

Agawam, ranked second in the prestigious AA Conference, outscored their opponents 246-78 and posted four shutouts in the 1981 campaign - Impressive.

The Brownies were led all season by a stingy defense and by quarterback Scott Negrucci and halfback Paul Dezielle who brought the attack to life this season after experiencing difficulties a year ago.

All-League linebacker, senior Scott Josephson, a muscle-man all year, was the leader of the defensive corps.

Negrucci scored 7 touchdowns on the ground while passing for nine more, accumulating more than 800 yards through the air passing. Dezielle scored 12 touchdowns (third in the conference) while racking up 72 points.

Josephson recorded well over 100 tackles for the Brownies and is widely recognized as the outstanding linebacker in Western Mass.

The trio captured the Most Valuable Senior Award, Outstanding Back Award and Outstanding Lineman Award, respectively. The awards were presented to the talented seniors at the annual Gridiron Moms banquet last Sunday.

Agawam opened the 1981 season with a 14-0 victory over Suburban League foe Ludlow and concluded the season with a 13-6 verdict over arch-rival West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day.

Sandwiched between the opening and closing victories were six wins, one loss and a tie, accounting for 219 points and 66 against. At one point in the season Agawam had outscored their opposition 74-0 (shutting out both Chicopee Comp and Chicopee High).

"We knew we had a good offense before the season started but we didn't know how good," recalled Michalak. "The backs and receivers were experienced but I wasn't sure about the quarterback slot. But Negrucci really came through. He made believers out of all of us (coaches)."

The Brownies rolled to 7-0 after their first seven games and in their eighth and most climatic game in 15 years it again appeared that Agawam would come away victorious. That was until Westfield's Denny Bein crashed over the goal line with a minute remaining in the fourth quarter giving the Bombers (eventual AA Conference and Super Bowl champs) a come from behind 22-21 victory and sending the home town rooters at Municipal Field into a frenzy.

The emotional loss sustained by the locals vaulted Westfield into sole possession of first place in the AA Conference. It was a lead they never relinquished in defending the league championship. Westfield finished the season at 10-1 and undefeated and untied in the league.

"You can second-guess yourself an awful lot following a one-point loss," said Michalak. "I think the big difference in the Westfield game was the size of their running backs. They were awfully big and opened some gaping holes in our line. I guess you could say they were better on that day."

Agawam will lose 19 seniors to graduation this year. Among the graduates are standouts **Timmy Ayre** (WR-Saf.), **Jim Egan** (TE), **Dan Giordano** (LB-Guard), **Allan Brown** (DT), **Scott Smith** (C), **John Darnell** (Safety), **Scott Josephson** (LB), **Paul Dezielle** (HB), **Scott Negrucci** (QB) and New Zealander **Peter Lindsay** (Kicker).

Lindsay is a story in itself as the exchange student in the AFS program, never before having played football, was a truly potent offensive weapon for Agawam. His six field goals (Brownie record) helped save the locals against both Holyoke and West Springfield.

The Brownies will be returning next season fullback **Al Fenney**, halfback **Mike Beaudette**, noseguard **Steve Grasseti**, and linemen **Frank Destefano**, **Mark Goodwin** and **Clark Dore**.

"We are losing quite a few good players but we're also returning quite a few good ones too," Michalak pointed out. "There will be some changes but I do think we'll be tough again next season."

GRID NOTES: Brownies standout two-way player **TIMMY AYRE** was this year's recipient of the "Coaches Award." The award is symbolic of a player who best exemplifies from the coaches standpoint a good attitude and leadership among other special qualities. The award is the first of its kind in Agawam football. Named captains for the 1982 campaign were **MARK GOODWIN**, **FRANK DESTEFANO**, **STEVE GRASSETTI** and **CLARK DORE**. Michalak's four year coaching record at AHS is 26-12-1.

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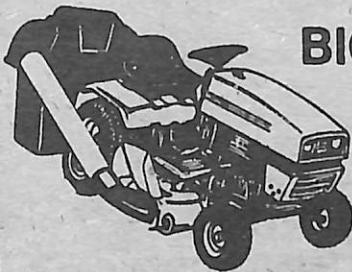
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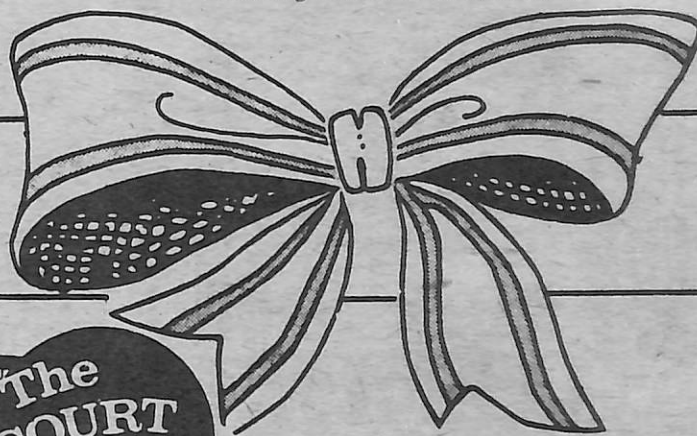
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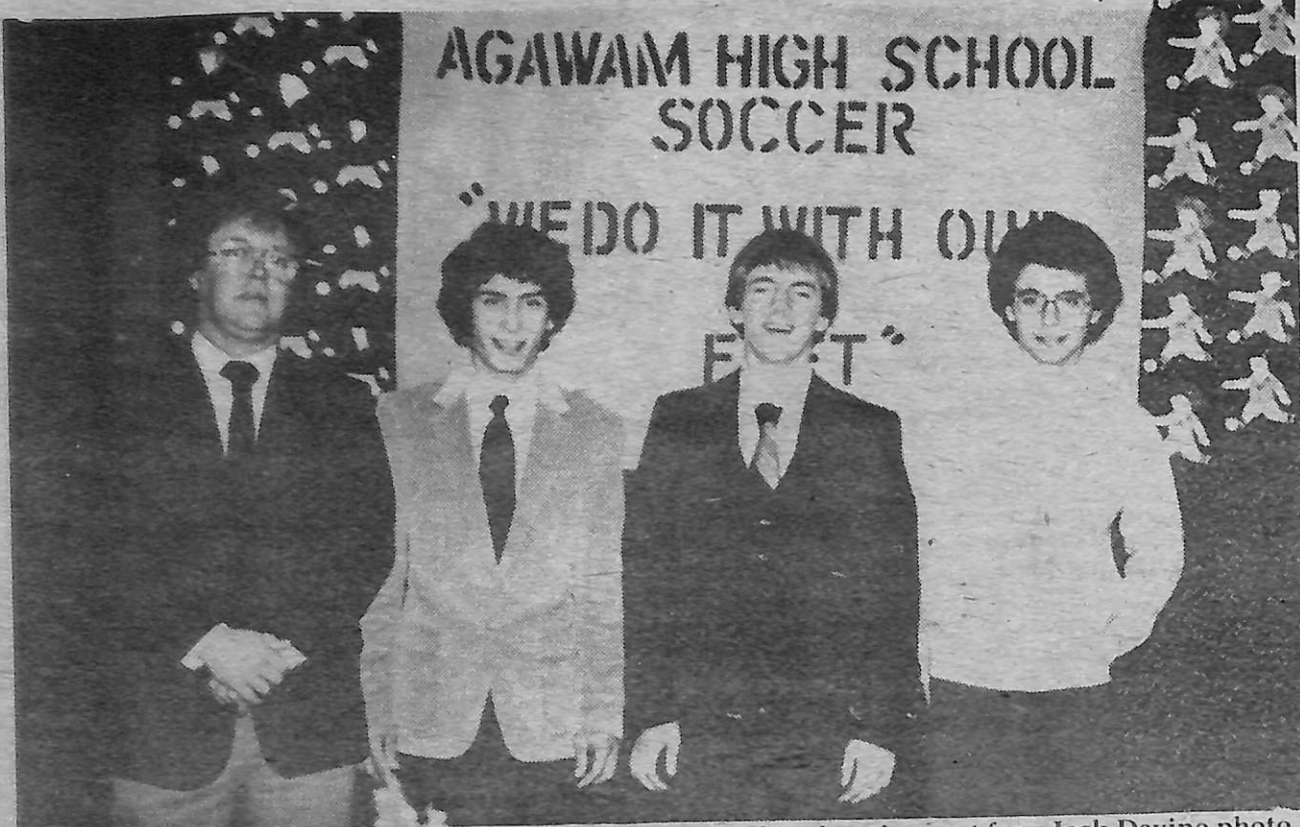
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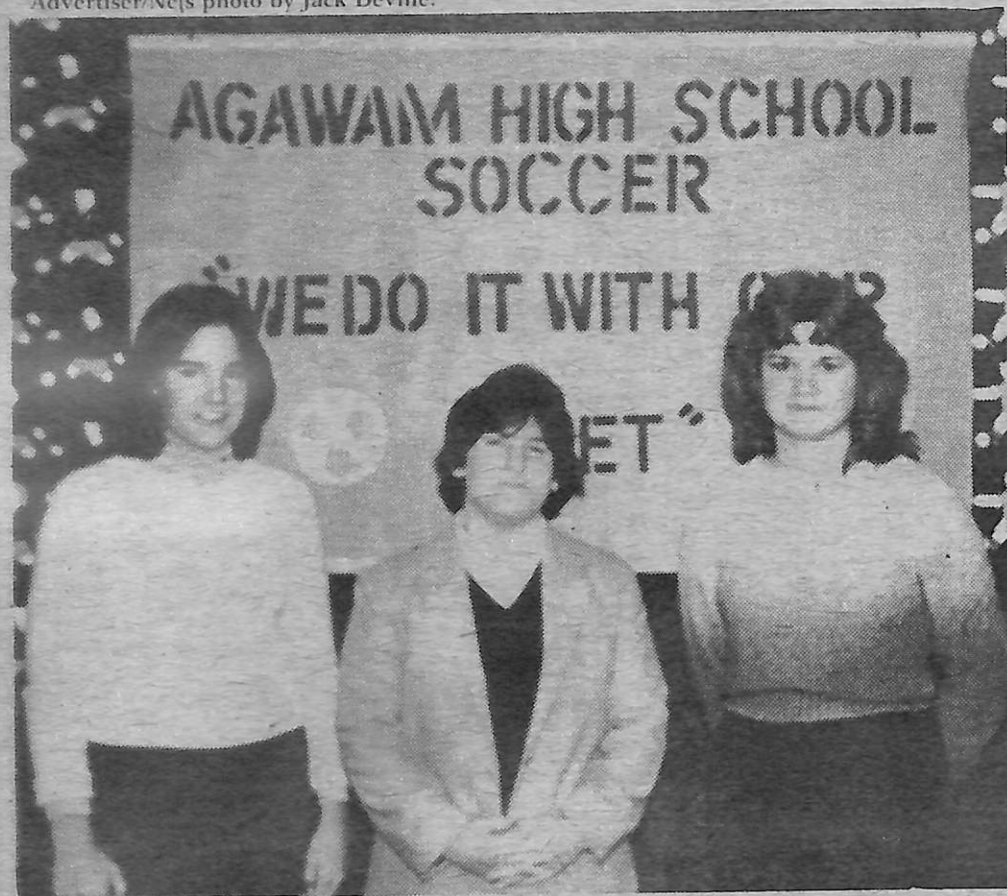
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JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER COACH BILL O'BRIEN (left) takes time out for a Jack Devine photo during the annual Parents Association Soccer Banquet held at the Polish American Club recently. Pictured beside O'Brien are junior varsity booters, Steve Amziamo, Steve Jury and Blair Massoia. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER PERFORMERS BARBARA WALSH (left) and BARBARA Kierkla (right) flank first-year junior varsity coach Lynda Kunasek at the soccer banquet recently held at the Polish American Club. The girls junior varsity, with their two-captains (pictured) did a fine job this season. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Tri-Parish Bowling League News

With the eleven matches in round I over, St. Louis, captained by Jeff Danner, again topped the teams with 27 wins and a PF of 15,026. Other members of the team include Pauline Barbieri, Michele Pisano, and Tom Geaghan.

To take top place, St. Louis had to battle Loyola, captained by Eddie Anderson, and including Gail Blair, Pauline Depalo, and Step Stepanian.

St. Mary held the HTS at 517 prior to Loyola's setting a new HTS with 538. St. Mary is still holding fast to H 3 for the season at 1482 pins.

High three-string for men is Jeff Danner at 371, and high single string is Frank Resigno with 146.

The high average for men is Jeff Danner with 108.11 followed closely by Robert Moccio at 108.8 pins.

The high average for women is Debbie Poirier with 100.21 and Ann O'Connell stands a close second with 100.19.

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NEWS OF SPORTS

Involvement of fans in the selection of Baseball All-Star teams dates back to the first contest in 1933 when they served in an "advisory capacity." A newspaper ballot was used and the managers picked the teams using the fans' choices to guide them. The following year, the All-Star voting procedure was the same.

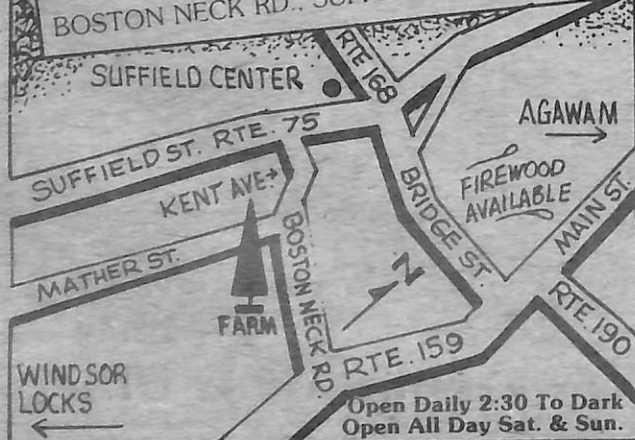
Fans didn't have a chance to vote from 1935 to 1946. The managers selected the teams. However, All-Star voting was returned to the fans in 1947 only to be taken away after the 1957 season because of over-enthusiastic voting by Cincinnati Reds' fans. That year, the Cincinnati faithful, again using a newspaper ballot, voted seven Reds to the starting N.L. team. To correct matters, Commissioner Ford Frick dropped two Reds and replaced them with Willie Mays of the New York Giants and Henry Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves.

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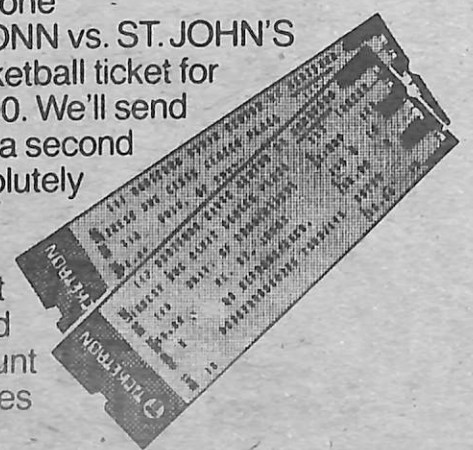
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Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

Tales Of The Hunters And The Hunted

LANCE POIRER, of Feeding Hills, was out today, the first day of the regular deer hunting season looking for his second deer. Lance connected on a nice four pointer in Vermont this past season. Not to be outdone by his brother, TED LEAL concentrated very hard and bagged a 6 point Buck in the early morning hours.

Well, not to early, he arrived at his destination well before daylight and decided to take a short nap instead of going to his stand in the dark to await an unsuspecting deer. Ted woke with a start and discovered that he had over-slept and it was 7:15 a.m. He hurried into the woods and was just in time to

meet two bucks running together. The 6 pointer offered the better shot and he took it.

The new "King" of the deer hunters has to be TONY MARCIL of Feeding Hills. Tony bagged three deer with his trusty bow and arrow this fall and took a fine eight point 160 pound field dressed buck. The four deer does not mean that he is super in his shooting with the bow or gun, but it does show that his is a superb hunter and does his homework thoroughly.

At 5:30 p.m. forty-two deer had been checked in at the Tolland Country Store. Cars were still lined up to check the deer when I headed for home. This has to be the largest deer take for a first day since the deer seasons opened in 1913. I received a call from an excited hunter who reported that one of the Otis State Forests produced eight Bucks today (the first day of the season). Not one doe was sighted by the hunters. The Bucks range from 10 points down to three points.

Every hunter I talked to reported seeing many deer in the woods. There certainly was a lack of road hunters this year. The weather was supreme for gun hunting. Two to three inches of snow and temperatures in the high 30's was just great.

I saw two does early in the morning. I haven't a doe tag so I just watched them feed away from me after they messed around for 10 to 15 minutes. Maybe my luck will change and I can put some meat in the freezer.

The 1981 deer tally with the bow in Conn. is 352 deer, 231 males and 120 females. All the reports are not in yet, and PAUL HERIZ, Director of the Wildlife Unit, expects the tally to go well over 400. Conn. issued 8,092 archery permits this year.

The muzzleloader season again opened on Thanksgiving Day with 95 deer being reported at check stations that day. This compares favorably with the 72 deer reported on the same day in 1980. Sixty bucks and 35 does were reported. The largest was 185 pounds (8 point-buck).



Former AHS Teacher Bags Deer As December Hunting Season Opens

Bagging a 120-pound spike horn deer on the first day of the shotgun deer hunting season was Harold "Dusty" Clark of Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills.

"Dusty", a former Agawam High School science teacher and department chairman, bagged his deer in the Tolland area. This is the second consecutive year that Dusty has taken a deer on the first day of the shotgun season, which lasts for a week.

While Dusty was enjoying a cup of coffee around lunchtime in Friendly's on Monday, the *Advertiser News'* faithful writer of the popular *Sportsman's Corner*, BILL CHIBA, was still chasing his deer through the forests of Western Mass. Bill has promised the staff some deer meat this year and at presstime, we're still keeping the fires hot.

Understanding Yourself LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS

By being aware of your body—especially your posture—you may prevent the occurrence or recurrence of lower back pain.

As many as 8 out of 10 people experience some degree of lower back pain during their active, adult life, says the American Physical Therapy Assn. (APTA).

Since most lower back pain results from poor posture and incorrect body mechanics (such as lifting and carrying), the APTA offers these suggestions:

- To improve posture while standing and walking, stand with your back against the wall. Try to make the small of your back touch the wall when you tuck in your tail and belly. Keep this posture when walking away from the wall.

- For proper lifting and carrying, bend your knees instead of your back when picking up or putting heavy objects on any surface higher than your waist.

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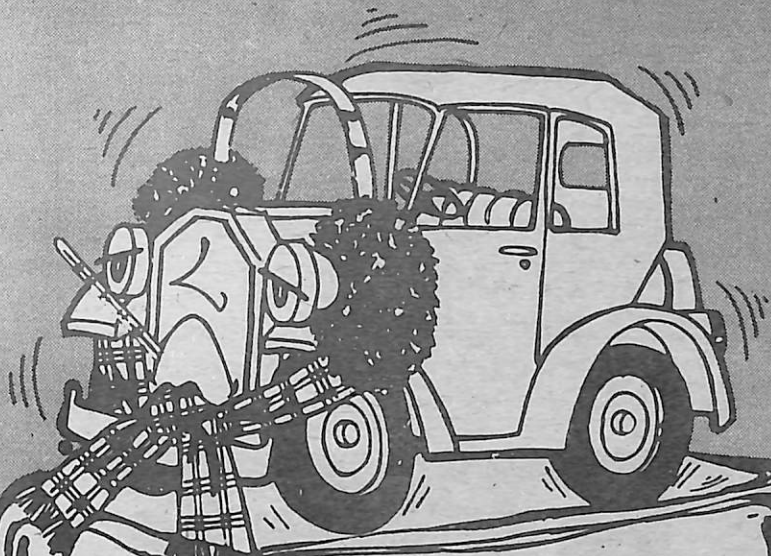


day in their efforts to overcome pain and physical disability. But besides treating people, physical therapists educate their patients to understand their bodies and avoid potentially harmful muscular maneuvers.

The most effective form of any medicine is the ounce of prevention that can eliminate the needed pound of cure. Physical therapy is no exception, says the APTA. And the Association advises:

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Coughlin recently received a first place trophy for a 3.65 mile race course sponsored by the UMass Medical School in which 150 runners competed. He also received a second place trophy in another school-sponsored race.

Bret pounds the pavement every day, usually running 6-10 miles. When home from school, he can be seen jogging down Mill Street in rain, shine or snow.

Another of Bret's accomplishments is completing the Boston Marathon, the grueling 26-mile race held each spring. He completed the Boston Marathon in just under 3 hours and 20 minutes.

Bret was a well-known runner and wrestler during his days at Agawam High School. He was also a scholar and attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, before transferring to Holy Cross College in Worcester to complete his studies.

Bret's all-around abilities and academic prowess enabled the Franklin Street resident to be accepted to the UMass Medical School. His older brother, Kevin, also a former track star at Agawam High School and a 1976 graduate, attends the Tufts Dental School in Boston.

Rumors abound in the Coughlin family that someday Bret and Kevin may establish a joint office in the area. While neither will confirm the rumors, proud parents Ralph and Joyce just smile when confronted with that thought.

Bret will be home for the Christmas holidays as will brother Kevin.



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